FOIA Exemptions

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- **Exemption 3**: Protects information that has been specifically exempted from disclosure by a statute that either 1) requires withholding or 2) establishes particular criteria for withholding.

- **Exemption 4**: Protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

- **Exemption 5**: Protects inter-agency or intra-agency “deliberative” and “predecisional” materials written as part of the decisionmaking process in federal agencies.

- **Exemption 6**: Protects information about individuals when the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

* Foreseeable harm test