

Guide to Data Security and Protection in AI Tools

When using Artificial Intelligence (AI), ensure it aligns with [Stevens' Information Security Policy](#), [Privacy Policy](#), and any other relevant policies. Always consider the risks and ethical implications, and seek prior approval from your supervisor and/or department chair for new AI uses in your work.

Depending on the AI use case, additional consultation may be required. Key considerations include data sensitivity, regulatory compliance, ethical implications, user consent, data privacy, and intellectual property rights. These may necessitate consultation with the Office of Sponsored Projects, Office of the General Counsel, Division of Human Resources, Division of Information Technology, and/or the Office of Compliance.

Stevens Data Classification Standards and Appropriate Use of Artificial Intelligence

The [Stevens Data Classification Standards](#) can be used as a reference for potential use of AI. **These examples provide general guidance and are not exhaustive.**

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[Stevens Generative AI Overview](#) contains several additional resources regarding AI. For questions regarding privacy, compliance, or security in the context of AI tools and their use contact Security@Stevens.edu.

Certain use cases, such as grading or assessment of student work, recruitment, personnel, or disciplinary decision-making, legal analysis or advice, security tools using facial recognition, and any non-public use of non-licensed AI tools with click-through agreements, requires additional review and consideration prior to use in AI.

For additional information or questions about data usage, please contact support@stevens.edu.