

AUSTRAC Issued Guidance on Tipping Off Offence



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SUMMARY

- AUSTRAC introduced the guidance on tipping off offence, making it a criminal offence to disclose certain types of protected information.
- Protected information includes:
 - Suspicious Matter Reports (SMRs)
 - Notices under sections 49 or 49B of the AML/CTF Act
 - Suspect Transaction Reports (SUSTRs)

RECOMMENDED CONTROLS

- Restrict information access to individuals with a genuine need.
- Mask the personal information when shared internally.
- Use legal agreements to ensure confidentiality.
- Do not share customers or transaction-specific details.
- Maintain audit trails of information access.