Android Secure Coding Standard

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Contact us if you

- have questions about the Secure Coding wiki
- have recommendations for standards in development
- want to request privileges to participate in standards development
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Rules vs. Recommendations

This coding standard consists of rules and recommendations, collectively referred to as guidelines. Rules are meant to provide normative requirements for code, whereas recommendations are meant to provide guidance that, when followed, should improve the safety, reliability, and security of software systems. Learn more about the differences.

Information for Editors

- To eliminate a section from the lists above, label it section and void.
- To have a section listed as a recommendation, label it section and recommendation.
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- See a complete dictionary of labels to help you label your pages correctly.
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