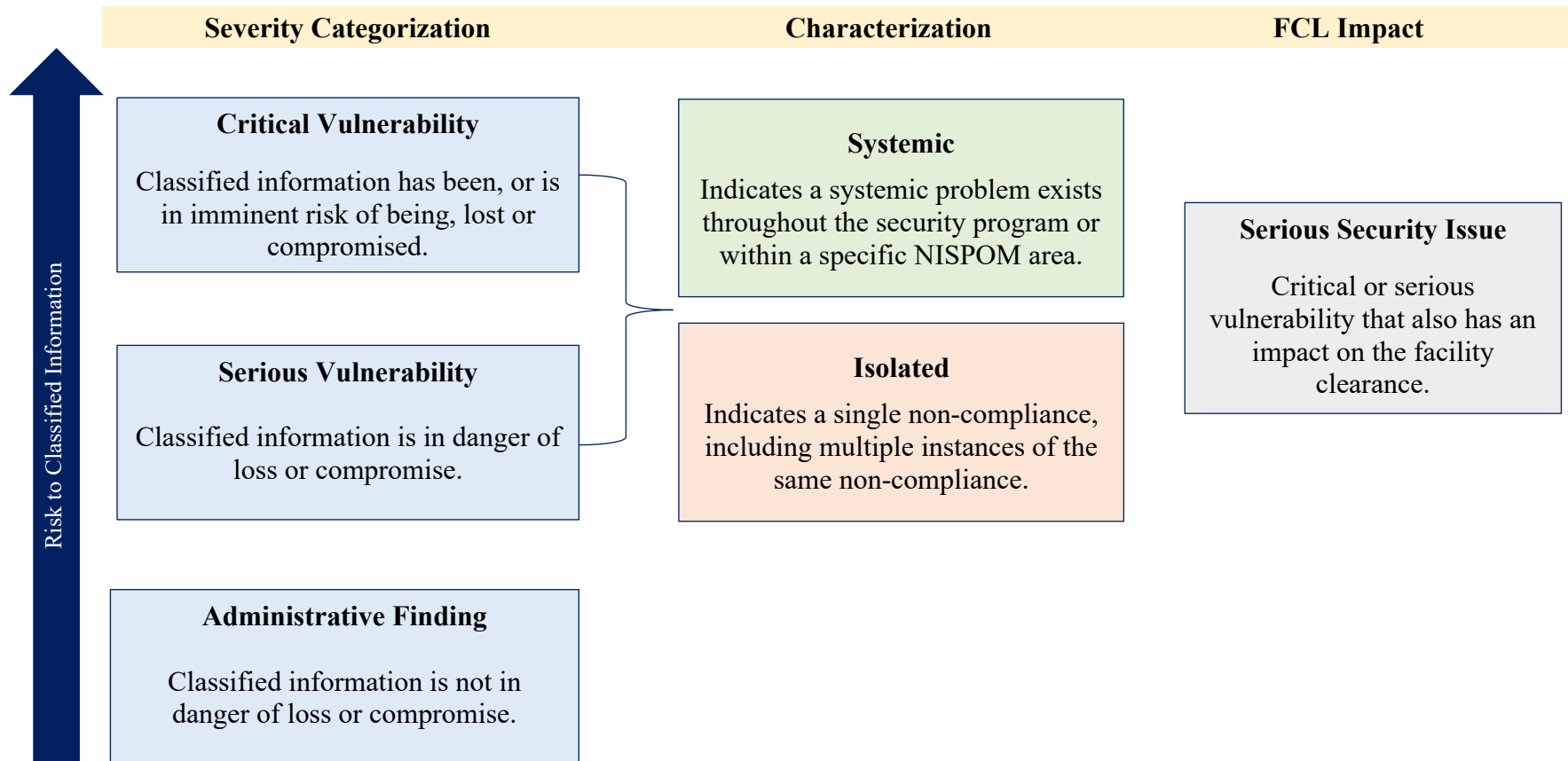




Categorizing NISPOM Non-Compliances



- All NISPOM non-compliances are categorized as an administrative finding, serious vulnerability, or critical vulnerability. This decision is made after carefully considering evidence and implemented supplementary controls.
- Critical and serious vulnerabilities are further characterized as isolated or systemic. All vulnerabilities are initially characterized as isolated. If three or more related isolated vulnerabilities exist indicating a systemic problem within the overall security program or throughout a NISPOM area, a systemic characterization may be used. Administrative findings have no further characterization.
- Vulnerabilities that require immediate mitigation due to their impact on the contractor's ability to maintain a facility clearance (FCL) are also serious security issues and may result in an FCL invalidation.