

OVERSHARING · COPILOT READINESS GUIDE

The oversharing toolkit for the Copilot-in-SharePoint era

Restricted Content Discovery (RCD) now also removes AI entry points from restricted sites, and from 1 November 2026 it's the main site-level brake for Copilot in SharePoint. It's a brake, not a fix. Here's how to use it alongside the SharePoint Advanced Management (SAM) tools you already have with Copilot.

What RCD does on a restricted site

Removes	The Copilot button, AI actions menus (including creating agents) and Create pages with AI
Hides from	Organisation-wide search and Copilot discovery. Users keep access and can still find content they own or recently used
Doesn't change	Existing permissions. Microsoft calls it "a temporary governance control"
Works on	SharePoint sites only, not OneDrive
Large sites	Over 500,000 items can take more than a week to reflect

SAM tools included when you have a Copilot licence

With at least one Microsoft Copilot licence in the tenant, SharePoint admins get SAM features including:

- Data access governance reports: sharing links, Everyone except external users, permission state (sensitivity labels needs E5/G5)
- Site access review, site ownership, inactive sites and site attestation policies
- Restricted access control, block download policy, Conditional Access via authentication contexts
- Restricted Content Discovery, content management assessment, change history

The pattern: restrict, review, fix, release

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Restrict the riskiest sites while owners review

Use RCD as a temporary brake on high-risk sites.

WHERE SharePoint admin centre > Sites > Active sites > site > Settings > Restrict content from Microsoft Copilot

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Report on every restricted site

Start the report, then get and download it.

WHERE Start-SPORestrictedContentDiscoverabilityReport · Get-SPORestrictedContentDiscoverabilityReport



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Find the oversharing

Run the Everyone except external users and sharing links reports, then start site access reviews for the worst sites so owners fix access.

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Turn on ownership and inactive site policies

Use simulation mode first.

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Check the weekly data risk assessment in Purview

A default assessment runs weekly for your top 100 SharePoint sites by usage.

WHERE Purview > DSPM for AI (classic) > Data risk assessments

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Lift RCD once access is fixed

Overuse degrades Copilot and search answers. Optionally let site admins manage RCD themselves with a justification.

WHERE Set-SPOTenant -DelegateRestrictedContentDiscoverabilityManagement \$true

Watch out for

- RCD changes are audited in Purview, including enable, disable and justifications.
- The SharePoint Admin Agent can answer oversharing questions in plain English. It needs SAM and the SharePoint Advanced Management Administrator role.
- Item-level data risk scanning covers SharePoint only, up to 10 sites.

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