CIS Membership for MS-ISAC Members

The Center for Internet Security (CIS) is a nonprofit organization focused on enhancing the cybersecurity readiness and response of public and private sector entities, with a commitment to excellence through collaboration.

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) is a voluntary and collaborative effort based on a strong partnership with the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The MS-ISAC has been designated by DHS as the key resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response and recovery for the nation’s state, local, territorial and tribal (SLTT) governments. Through its state-of-the-art 24/7 Security Operations Center, the MS-ISAC serves as a central resource for situational awareness and incident response for SLTT governments.

There is no cost to be a Member

“The [MS-ISAC] new operations center builds on a long-standing information sharing partnership between MS-ISAC and the Department and will both enhance situational awareness at the state and local level…and allow the federal government to quickly and efficiently provide critical cyber risk, vulnerability, and mitigation data to state and local governments.”

U.S. DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, November 2010

- 24/7 security operations center
- Incident response resources
- Cyber security advisories
- Cyber event notifications
- Daily cyber tips
- Network monitoring
- Secure portals for communication and document sharing
- Alert status map
- Top attacking sites
- Monthly newsletters
- Bi-monthly webcasts
- Monthly webcast meetings
- Monthly threat briefings
- Cyber security exercises
- Awareness/education materials
- Training discounts

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can join the Center for Internet Security’s MS-ISAC?
Membership is open to all state, local, territorial, and tribal government entities involved in cyber security and/or critical infrastructure protection.

Who are the members?
The MS-ISAC currently includes representatives from all 50 states, all 50 state capitals, dozens of local governments and several U.S. territories.

What does it cost to join the MS-ISAC?
There is no cost to join the MS-ISAC. It is primarily supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to serve as the central cyber security resource for the nation’s state, local, territorial and tribal governments. The MS-ISAC is a division of the national not-for-profit Center for Internet Security.

Can the Center for Internet Security’s MS-ISAC help me with a cyber incident?
Yes. The Center for Internet Security’s Computer Emergency Response Team (CIS CERT) comprises highly trained staff who are able to assist you with a cyber security incident. CIS CERT can provide malware analysis, reverse engineering, log analysis, and forensics analysis.

Can other members of my organization join?
Yes. Each organization designates a “Primary Member” who is then responsible for authorizing additional individuals in their organization to become members.

Are there any requirements to joining?
The only requirement is the completion of a membership agreement, which sets forth the responsibilities of members to protect information that is shared.

Are there any educational or training resources available?
Yes. In addition to advisories and information bulletins regarding the latest cyber threats and vulnerabilities, the MS-ISAC provides a variety of educational, awareness, and training resources and opportunities.

Does the MS-ISAC work with federal agencies, private sector groups, and the other ISACs?
Yes. The MS-ISAC works closely with federal partners at DHS, along with FBI, Secret Service and others to better share information on emerging threats. The MS-ISAC also has strong relationships with major ISPs, cyber security firms, researchers, and software developers.

How do I join?
Contact the CIS MSISAC at info@msisac.org or visit [www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org) to learn more.