

## Who We Are

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC®) is a voluntary and collaborative effort based on a strong partnership between the Center for Internet Security (CIS) and 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.*

## Membership Benefits

- 24/7 Security Operations Center (SOC)
- Cybersecurity exercises
- Cybersecurity advisories & daily tips
- Cyber event notifications
- Awareness/education materials
- Network monitoring
- Vulnerability assessment services
- Secure portals for communication & document sharing
- Member initiatives & collaborative resources
- Malicious Code Analysis Platform (MCAP)
- Monthly newsletters, webcasts, & threat briefings
- Alert status map
- Incident response resources
- Cyber threat information & analytical products
- Discounts on CIS Security Benchmarks
- Discounts on training
- Nationwide Cyber Security Review (NCSR)
- Vulnerability Management Platform (VMP)



*“The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)...allows the Federal Government to quickly and efficiently provide critical cyber threat, risk, vulnerability, and mitigation data to state and local governments.”*

- U.S. DHS Secretary  
Janet Napolitano  
March 2013

Learn more about the MS-ISAC at <https://msisac.cisecurity.org>

# MS-ISAC Frequently Asked Questions

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## ***Who can join the Center for Internet Security's MS-ISAC?***

Membership is open to all U.S. SLTT government entities involved in cybersecurity and/or critical infrastructure protection.

## ***Who are the members?***

The MS-ISAC currently includes representatives from all 50 states, all 50 state capitals, all 78 Fusion Centers, hundreds of local governments, several tribal governments and U.S. territories. There are a total of 997 MS-ISAC member organizations across a diverse group of public sectors that includes government, education, utilities, transportation, and more.

## ***What does it cost to join the MS-ISAC?***

There is no cost to join the MS-ISAC. It is primarily supported by the DHS to serve as the central cybersecurity resource for the nation's SLTT governments. The MS-ISAC is a program within CIS.

## ***Can the Center for Internet Security's MS-ISAC help me with a cyber incident?***

Yes. CIS' Computer Emergency Response Team (CIS CERT) comprises highly trained staff who are able to assist you with a cybersecurity incident. CIS CERT can provide malware analysis, reverse engineering, log analysis, forensics analysis and vulnerability assessments. The Incident Response service is available to all SLTT entities – MS-ISAC membership is not required. If you are an SLTT entity and experience a cybersecurity incident or want to report an incident to improve situational awareness, contact us for assistance: [soc@msisac.org](mailto:soc@msisac.org) or 1-866-787-4722.

## ***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 join?***

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 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 Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Secret Service and others to better share information on emerging threats. The MS-ISAC also has strong relationships with major internet service providers, cybersecurity firms, researchers, and software developers.

## ***How do I join?***

Contact the CIS MS-ISAC at [info@msisac.org](mailto:info@msisac.org) or visit <https://msisac.cisecurity.org> to learn more.



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