



MS-ISAC®

Multi-State Information
Sharing & Analysis Center®

Who We Are

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center® (MS-ISAC®), has been designated by the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) as the key resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery for all U.S. State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) governments. The mission of the MS-ISAC is to improve the overall cybersecurity posture of the nation's SLTT governments through coordination, collaboration, cooperation, and increased communication.

The MS-ISAC is a division of the Center for Internet Security® (CIS®), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Membership is open to all SLTT government organizations, including public K-12 education entities, public institutions of higher education, authorities, and any other non-federal public entity in the United States of America.

Membership Benefits

- 24x7x365 Security Operations Center (SOC)
- Incident response resources
- Malicious Domain Blocking & Reporting (MDBR)
- Cybersecurity exercises
- Cybersecurity advisories
- Cyber event notifications
- Education and awareness materials
- CIS SecureSuite® Membership
- Malicious Code Analysis Platform (MCAP)
- Monthly newsletters, webinars, and threat briefings
- Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) access, including portals for communication and document sharing
- Cyber threat information and analytical products
- Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)
- Discounts on training
- Vulnerability assessment services

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

MS-ISAC Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can join the MS-ISAC?

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

Q: Who are the members?

A: The MS-ISAC currently includes representatives from all 50 states, all 50 state capitals, all 80 DHS-recognized Fusion Centers, over 10,000 local governments, many tribal governments and U.S. territories. MS-ISAC member organizations represent a diverse group of public sectors that includes government, education, utilities, transportation, and more.

Q: What does it cost to join the MS-ISAC?

A: There is no cost to join the MS-ISAC. It is primarily supported by DHS to serve as the central cybersecurity resource for the nation's SLTT governments. The only requirement to join is the completion of a membership agreement, which sets forth the responsibilities of members to protect information that is shared.

Q: Can the MS-ISAC help me with a cyber incident?

A: Yes. The Cyber Incident Response Team (CIRT) is comprised of highly trained staff who can provide malware analysis, reverse engineering, log analysis, forensics analysis and security assessments. Incident response services and cyber threat intelligence are 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, contact us for assistance: soc@cisecurity.org or 1-866-787-4722.

Q: Are there any educational or training resources available?

A: 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.

→ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Q: Does the MS-ISAC provide a service to reduce the risk of Ransomware?

A: Yes, the MS-ISAC offers a ransomware protection service at no cost to all SLTTs. The Malicious Domain Blocking and Reporting (MDBR) service proactively blocks network requests from an organization to known harmful web domains, helping protect IT systems against cybersecurity ransomware threats.

Q: Does MS-ISAC work with federal agencies, private sector groups, and the other ISACs?

A: Yes. The MS-ISAC works closely with federal partners at DHS, along with the 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, software developers, and sector ISACs.

Q: Can other members of my organization join?

A: Yes. Each organization designates a "Primary Member" who is then responsible for authorizing additional individuals in their organization to become members.

Q: What's the relationship between the Center for Internet Security and the MS-ISAC?

A: Since 2010, the Center for Internet Security (CIS) has been the home of the MS-ISAC. CIS hosts the MS-ISAC's 24x7x365 Security Operations Center, Cyber Incident Response Team (CIRT), Vulnerability Management Program, Intel Program, and more.

Q: Are there other federal resources available to election organizations?

A: Yes, for more information on DHS services, visit <https://www.cisa.gov>.

Q: How do I join?

A: Contact the MS-ISAC at info@cisecurity.org or visit <https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac> to learn more.



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