



Homeland Security

Homeland Security Information Network - Critical Sectors

Successful critical infrastructure protection requires coordination and collaboration between critical infrastructure owners and operators, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other Federal agencies, and State and local government. This strategic and operational coordination and collaboration happens within the Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Information Sharing Environment (CIKR ISE). The CIKR ISE's primary collaboration tool is the Homeland Security Information Network for Critical Sectors (HSIN-CS), a secure, unclassified, Web-based communications system that serves as the primary, nationwide DHS collaboration system for sharing sensitive but unclassified information. HSIN-CS supports the CIKR ISE by serving as a common platform to provide tactical and planning functionality for private sector critical infrastructure owners and operators.



HSIN-CS Homepage (Source: DHS)

An Information-Sharing Platform

DHS has designated HSIN-CS to be its primary information-sharing platform between and within the critical infrastructure sectors and state and local fusion centers. HSIN-CS enables DHS and sector stakeholders to communicate, coordinate, and share information in support of the Sector Partnership Framework at no charge to sector stakeholders.

Through HSIN-CS, users are able to:

- Receive, submit, and discuss timely, actionable, and accurate information;
- Communicate information pertaining to threats, vulnerabilities, security, response and recovery activities affecting sector and cross sector operations; and
- Maintain a direct, trusted channel with DHS and other vetted sector stakeholders.

Features

- Current Situational Awareness Reports
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Training / Webinars
- Real-Time Collaboration Tools
- Document Library
- Incident Updates

Intended Audience

HSIN-CS supports the 18 critical infrastructure sectors as defined in HSPD-7 and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan:

- Agriculture and Food
- Banking and Finance
- Chemical
- Commercial Facilities
- Commercial Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste
- Critical Manufacturing
- Dams
- Defense Industrial Base
- Drinking Water and Water Treatment Systems
- Emergency Services
- Energy
- Government Facilities
- Information Technology
- National Monuments and Icons
- Postal and Shipping
- Public Health and Healthcare
- Telecommunications
- Transportation Systems

DHS is also extending information-sharing capabilities to the regional level by working with fusion centers to create locally based communities on HSIN-CS, connecting them to the large existing network of national critical infrastructure owners and operators. Fusion centers combine national, regional, and local information to enhance local critical infrastructure protection and resilience.



HSIN-CS NCRIC Homepage
(Source: DHS)

Benefits

HSIN-CS users have the ability to:

-  Access a single DHS source for infrastructure protection alerts, information bulletins, and analysis related to individual sectors;
-  Engage in secure discussions and document sharing with a vetted sector peer group;
-  Access timely information on pre-incident prevention and preparedness practices and activities;
-  Contribute to and benefit from strategic and tactical information sharing on an ongoing/periodic basis; and
-  Conduct effective ongoing situational awareness.

HSIN-CS Access

To request access to HSIN-CS, please submit your 1) Name, 2) Work Email Address, and 3) Sector(s) of Interest to HSINCS@hq.dhs.gov.

Contact Information

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