

Cyber Security Guidance

Report Suspicious Cyber Incidents



EMPLOYEES

- Make your passwords complex. Use a combination of numbers, symbols, and letters (uppercase and lowercase).
- Change your passwords regularly (every 45 to 90 days).
- Do NOT give any of your user names, passwords, or other computer/website access codes to anyone.
- Do NOT open e-mails or attachments from strangers.
- Do NOT install or connect any personal software or hardware to your organization's network or hardware without permission from your IT department.
- Make electronic and physical back-ups or copies of all your most important work.
- Report all suspicious or unusual problems with your computer to your IT department.

MANAGEMENT & IT DEPARTMENT

- Implement Defense-in-Depth: a layered defense strategy that includes technical, organizational, and operational controls.
- Establish clear policies and procedures for employee use of your organization's information technologies.
- Implement Technical Defenses: firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and Internet content filtering.
- Update your anti-virus software daily.
- Regularly download vendor security "patches" for all of your software.
- Change the manufacturer's default passwords on all of your software.
- Monitor, log, and analyze successful and attempted intrusions to your systems and networks.

SYSTEM FAILURE OR DISRUPTION

Has your system or website's availability been disrupted? Are your employees, customers, suppliers, or partners unable to access your system or website? Has your service been denied to its users?

SUSPICIOUS QUESTIONING

Are you aware of anyone attempting to gain information in person, by phone, mail, e-mail, etc., regarding the configuration and/or cyber security posture of your website, network, software, or hardware?

UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS

Are you aware of anyone attempting (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to your system or its data?

UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

Has anyone made unauthorized changes or additions to your system's hardware, firmware, or software characteristics without your IT department's knowledge, instruction, or consent?

SUSPICIOUS E-MAILS

Are you aware of anyone in your organization receiving suspicious e-mails that include unsolicited attachments and/or requests for sensitive personal or organizational information?

UNAUTHORIZED USE

Are unauthorized parties using your system for the processing or storage of data? Are former employees, customers, suppliers, or partners still using your system?

Report a computer or network vulnerability to the
[U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team](#)

Incident Hotline: [1-888-282-0870](tel:1-888-282-0870) or www.US-CERT.gov

For more cyber tips, best practices, "how-to" guidance, and to sign up for technical and non-technical cyber alerts visit www.US-CERT.gov

Download this brochure at www.US-CERT.gov

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Protect Your Workplace

Guidance on Physical and Cyber
Security and Reporting of
Suspicious Behavior, Activity,
and Cyber Incidents



Homeland Security

Physical Security Guidance

Call the Nearest
Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) to
Report Suspicious Behavior and Activity.

Report Suspicious Behavior and Activity

EMPLOYEES & MANAGEMENT

- Monitor and control who is entering your workplace: current employees, former employees, and commercial delivery and service personnel.
- Check identification and ask individuals to identify the purpose of their visit to your workplace.
- Report broken doors, windows, and locks to your organization's or building's security personnel as soon as possible.
- Make back-ups or copies of sensitive and critical information and databases.
- Store, lock, and inventory your organization's keys, access cards, uniforms, badges, and vehicles.
- Monitor and report suspicious activity in or near your facility's entry/exit points, loading docks, parking areas, garages, and immediate vicinity.
- Report suspicious-looking packages to your local police. DO NOT OPEN or TOUCH.
- Shred or destroy all documents that contain sensitive personal or organizational information that is no longer needed.
- Keep an inventory of your most critical equipment, hardware, and software.
- Store and lock your personal items such as wallets, purses, and identification when not in use.

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Albuquerque (505) 889-1300
Anchorage (907) 276-4441
Atlanta (404) 679-9000
Baltimore (410) 265-8088
Birmingham (205) 326-6166
Boston (617) 742-5533
Buffalo (716) 856-7800
Charlotte (704) 377-9200
Chicago (312) 431-1333
Cincinnati (513) 421-4310
Cleveland (216) 522-1400
Columbia (803) 551-4200
Dallas (972) 559-5000
Denver (303) 629-7171
Detroit (313) 965-2323
El Paso (915) 832-5000
Honolulu (808) 566-4300
Houston (713) 693-5000
Indianapolis (317) 639-3301
Jackson (601) 948-5000
Jacksonville (904) 721-1211
Kansas City (816) 512-8200
Knoxville (865) 544-0751
Las Vegas (702) 385-1281
Little Rock (501) 221-9100
Los Angeles (310) 477-6565
Louisville (502) 583-3941

Memphis (901) 747-4300
Miami (305) 944-9101
Milwaukee (414) 276-4684
Minneapolis (612) 376-3200
Mobile (251) 438-3674
Newark (973) 792-3000
New Haven (203) 777-6311
New Orleans (504) 816-3000
New York City (212) 384-1000
Norfolk (757) 455-0100
Oklahoma City (405) 290-7770
Omaha (402) 493-8688
Philadelphia (215) 418-4000
Phoenix (602) 279-5511
Pittsburgh (412) 432-4000
Portland (503) 224-4181
Richmond (804) 261-1044
Sacramento (916) 481-9110
Salt Lake City (801) 579-1400
San Antonio (210) 225-6741
San Diego (858) 565-1255
San Francisco (415) 553-7400
San Juan (787) 754-6000
Seattle (206) 622-0460
Springfield, IL (217) 522-9675
St. Louis (314) 231-4324
Tampa (813) 253-1000
Washington, DC (202) 278-2000

SURVEILLANCE

Are you aware of anyone recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc., near a key facility?

DEPLOYING ASSETS

Have you observed abandoned vehicles, stockpiling of suspicious materials, or persons being deployed near a key facility?

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Are you aware of anyone who does not appear to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or near a key facility?

SUSPICIOUS QUESTIONING

Are you aware of anyone attempting to gain information in person, by phone, mail, e-mail, etc., regarding a key facility or its personnel?

TESTS OF SECURITY

Are you aware of any attempts to penetrate or test physical security or procedures at a key facility?

ACQUIRING SUPPLIES

Are you aware of anyone attempting to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunitions, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, flight manuals, access cards, or identification for a key facility or to legally obtain items under suspicious circumstances that could be used in a terrorist act?

DRY RUNS

Have you observed any behavior that appears to be preparation for terrorist activity, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios with other people, monitoring key facilities, timing traffic lights or traffic flow, or other suspicious activities?

Call your local police department to report a suspicious person, vehicle, or activity in or near your workplace.

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Call **911** if it is an emergency.



Submit information electronically at <https://tips.fbi.gov>

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Call the nearest Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
to report suspicious activity or behavior.
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