



HSIN

Homeland Security Information Network — Critical Sectors

Critical infrastructure owners and operators sharing information to support homeland security situational awareness, preparedness and recovery for all hazards

HSIN - CS

The primary objectives of Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Sectors (HSIN-CS) is to generate effective risk management decisions, and to encourage collaboration and coordination on plans, strategies, protective measures, and response/recovery efforts between government, operators, and owners in the public and private sectors.

Background

Successful Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) requires coordination and collaboration between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal agencies, owners and operators, and State and local government. As mandated by Homeland Security Presidential Directive-7 (HSPD-7) and defined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), the Sector Partnership Framework facilitates intra-government and public-private cooperation, information sharing, and engagement for all CIP activities. The Framework is made up of owner and operators represented on the Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs) and government stakeholders represented on the Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs), who work together on the full range of CIP activities, including response and recovery issues.

DHS has designated the HSIN-CS to be its primary information-sharing platform between the Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource sectors. HSIN-CS enables DHS and the critical 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
- Maintain a direct, trusted channel with DHS and other vetted sector stakeholders

Intended Audience

HSIN-CS supports the Critical Sectors/Key Resources as defined in HSPD-7 and the NIPP:

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

Features

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| ▪ Incident/Suspicious Activity Reporting | ▪ Document/Image Library |
| ▪ Search Engine | ▪ User Community Directory |
| ▪ Discussion Boards | ▪ Event Calendars |
| ▪ Announcements | ▪ Current Threat Level Information |
| ▪ Real-Time Communication — Secure Chat and Instant Messaging | ▪ 24/7 Help Desk Support |

User 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
- Contribute to and benefit from strategic and tactical information sharing on an ongoing/periodic basis
- Conduct effective ongoing situational awareness
- Access timely information on recommended pre-incident prevention and preparedness practices and activities
- Respond more effectively both during an incident as well as in its aftermath

HSIN-CS users can access a vetted community of owners and operators to support sector-wide situational awareness, planning, response, and recovery.



Future Role of HSIN-CS

HSIN-CS will play a key role in supporting the ongoing operations and resiliency of the nation's critical infrastructure by creating an online community for a vetted group of critical infrastructure stakeholders to communicate within the group as well as with DHS. This role will likely strengthen as the number of people using the network increases and a more robust information-sharing environment evolves over time.

How to Access HSIN-CS

For information regarding the HSIN-CS program or to gain access, please email CIKRISAccess@hq.dhs.gov. If requesting access, please indicate which sector(s) you wish to join and include your name, official email address, organization, supervisor's name and a phone number.

