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# What is the Internet Security Alliance?

**A Trusted and Reliable Public-Private Partnership for Information Sharing and E-Security Issues**



**Industry Partners**



# ISAlliance Membership



CABLE & WIRELESS



REDLEAF



...and many more



# ISAlliance Goals

- **Provide a forum for information sharing and thought leadership on information security issues**
- **Represent industry's interests before legislators and regulators**
- **Identify and standardize best practices in Internet security and network survivability**
- **Create a collaborative environment to develop and implement information security solutions and standards**



# Efforts in Progress

- **Promote greater corporate responsibility on information security issues**
- **Provide early warning of emerging security threats**
- **Provide in-depth reports on vulnerabilities and threats**
- **Facilitate executive-to-executive communications about solutions to threats and emerging trends**
- **Conduct research leading to identification and resolution of root causes to problems**
- **Develop training and certification programs in information assurance and other fields**
- **Initiate standard-setting activities on the foundation of EIA's 75-year heritage in the standards world**
- **Provide a coordination point for industry dialogue on self-regulation issues such as privacy**
- **Develop organizationally viable models for integration and adoption of security practices**
- **Work with legislative and regulatory bodies to ensure efficient linkages are maintained**
- **Educate senior management and boards**
- **Conduct timely seminars on emerging security issues**



# CERT/CC and ISAlliance

- Provides a security information sharing service. This includes receiving reports from ISA members, sharing analysis reports with ISA members, and allowing ISA members to share information with one another.
- ISA members have access to the CERT/CC's database of information through secure distribution channels, thereby enabling the CERT/CC to provide more information to the private sector, in a responsible way.
- The data-sharing agreement has three key provisions:
  - (1) Members are required to sign non-disclosure agreements that prohibit them from redistributing sensitive data;
  - (2) Any member that violates the non-disclosure agreement will be dropped from membership;
  - (3) Members agree to allow the CERT/CC to extract vulnerability and threat data from the member-provided information, share those extracts with the federal government, and use the extracts to generate public advisories and warnings
- Participates in research projects focused on improving Internet security. These focus on security principles, security practices, and studies that lead to improved analysis techniques, predictive capabilities, and metrics
- Conducts Internet security workshops for ISA member organizations
- Participates in ISA meetings



# Products from ISAlliance



- **Common Sense Guide to Internet Security for Executives**
  - **ANSI/EIA Security Standard #549 12/02**
- **Home PC User's Guide to Safe Computing (February 2003)**



# How Does ISAlliance Influence Security Standards?

- **EIA partnership (75 years of standards creation experience)**
- **CERT/CC technical expertise**
- **Industry membership operational expertise**





# **How Does ISAlliance Influence Governments on Information Security Issues?**

- **Direct meetings with influential members of:**
  - **U.S. Senate**
  - **U.S. Congress**
  - **White House cybersecurity advisors**
  - **U.S. Government departments involved with security initiatives**
  - **Other international government groups who affect legislation of security**
- **Trusted Advisor role to Governments**



# How Does ISAlliance Influence Industry-wide Security Improvement?

- **Creation of corporate standards and best practices for security**
- **Education and influence on senior management on security issues**
- **Industry-wide creation of standards and guidance on security issues**
- **Cooperation with membership to build high standards of security**
- **Access and sharing of technical security issues, threats, vulnerabilities and procedures via CERT/CC to improve security**
- **Fostering “community of security” concepts and procedures**



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# Questions?

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