

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CYBER SECURITY

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Who am I?



- Sr. Business Analyst Partnership team
- MBA, M.Sc., Management of Information System Certificate
- 11 years of experience at Communications Security Establishment
 - 3 years experience Cyber Centre
 - 8 years experience SIGINT and Corporate Services
- 20 years experience in the private sector and Crown Corporation

Agenda

- Canadian Centre for Cyber Security;
- Risks in the Agriculture / AgriFood Sector;
- Cyber Threat Landscape;
- **CCCS** Services



THE CANADIAN CENTER FOR CYBER SECURITY (CYBER CENTER)

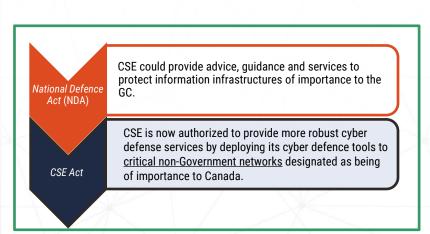
- Business line of the <u>Communications Security</u> <u>Establishment</u>, a Federal Agency
- Located in Ottawa, Ontario
- Created in 2018

The Cyber Centre provides expert advice, guidance, services and support on cyber security for government, critical infrastructure owners and operations, the private sector and the Canadian public.





INCREASED CYBER SECURITY SERVICE SCOPE





CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE **SECTORS**

- Critical infrastructure refers to processes, systems, facilities, technologies, networks, assets and services essential to the health, safety, security or economic well-being of Canadians and the effective functioning of government. Critical infrastructure can be stand-alone or interconnected and interdependent within and across provinces, territories and national borders.
- Disruptions of critical infrastructure could result in catastrophic loss of life, adverse economic effects, and significant harm to public confidence.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)

The <u>RCMP</u> works to prevent crime, enforce the law, investigate offences, keep Canadians, and their interests, safe and secure, and assist Canadians in emergency situations/incidents. It operates within three main areas of responsibility:

- · Contract and Indigenous Policing
- · Federal Policing
- Specialized Policing Services

CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (CSIS)

<u>CSIS</u> is at the forefront of Canada's national security system with a role to investigate activities suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada and to report on these to the Government of Canada.

PUBLIC SAFETY (PS)

<u>PS</u> Canada ensures coordination across all federal departments and agencies responsible for national security and the safety of Canadians. The mandate is to keep Canadians safe from a range of risks such as natural disasters, crime, and terrorism with a mission to build a safe and resilient Canada.

INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA (ISED)

<u>ISED</u> works with Canadians in all areas of the economy and in all parts of the country to improve conditions for investment, enhance Canada's innovation performance, increase Canada's share of global trade and build a fair, efficient and competitive marketplace.

*Information provided for each organization comes from their respective web sites.



VICTIM OF CYBERCRIME, FRAUD, OR SCAMS?

Where do I report a cybercrime?

- You should report a cybercrime to your local police department.
- For geographical areas where the RCMP is the police of jurisdiction, report cybercrimes to the local detachment.
- Report cybercrimes to the <u>Cyber Centre's online portal</u> to get support and advice on how to protect your organization from being targeted repeatedly.
- Report fraud to the <u>Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre</u> through their <u>Fraud Reporting System</u>.







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RISKS

- Disruption of grain and corn production could impact commodities trading and stocks
- Disruption of processing with effects cascading down to the farm level
- Disruption of supply chains at critical cycles with cascading impact across multiple business elements
- Pressure and risks of managing perishable commodities



RISKS (cont'd)

- Potential for key commodities or infrastructure to become unavailable
- High number of supply chain and other interdependencies with other critical infrastructure sectors, particularly the transportation sector
- New devices being installed without being able to assess security considerations ahead of time
- Rush to catalog assets
- Personal and professional devices for the home and business needs are on the same network

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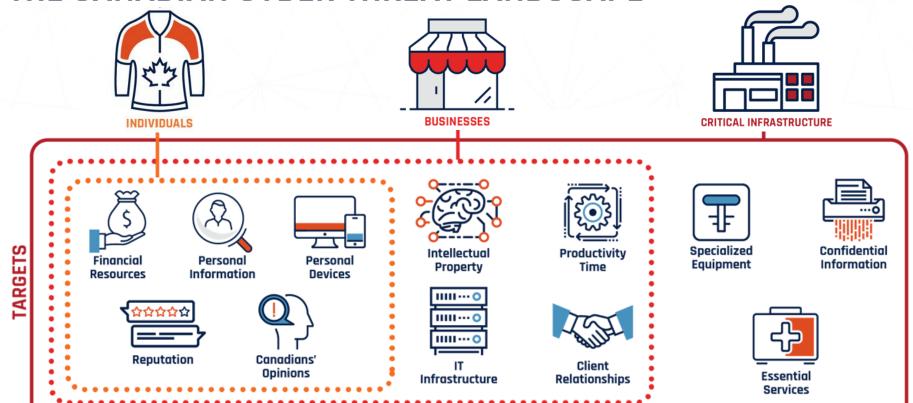
THE THREAT LANDSCAPE

National Cyber Threat Assessment - 2020

- Cybercriminals represent the most pervasive cyber threat to Canadians
 - Ransomware and Phishing attacks
- State sponsored cyber threat actors have most sophisticated capabilities
 - Cyber espionage, IP theft, online influence campaigns, disruptive cyber attacks



THE CANADIAN CYBER THREAT LANDSCAPE



APTs... HOW SCARED SHOULD I BE?

 Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), like cyber criminals, will use techniques that work

Most malware variants exploit publicly known vulnerabilities, often for which a patch has been made available from the vendor



THE THREAT LANDSCAPE

The ransomware threat in 2021

- First half of 2021, global ransomware attacks increased by 151% when compared of the first half of 2020 (fueled by Ransomware-as-a-service)
- 2021 was marked by the highest ransoms and the highest payouts
 - In Canada, average cost of a data breach (includes ransomware) was \$6.35M CAD
 - Global average cost of recovery from ransomware incident (paying ransom / remediating compromised network) increased from \$970 000 CAD in 2020 to \$2.3M CAD in 2021
- Cyber Center is aware of 235 ransomware incidents against Canadian victims from Jan 1 to Nov 16 2021
- Once targeted, ransomware victims are often attacked multiple times



RANSOMWARE

Ransomware playbook ITSM.00.099



https://cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/ransomware-playbook-itsm00099

Cyber threat bulletin: The ransomware threat in 2021



https://cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/cyber-threat-bulletin-ransomware-threat-2021

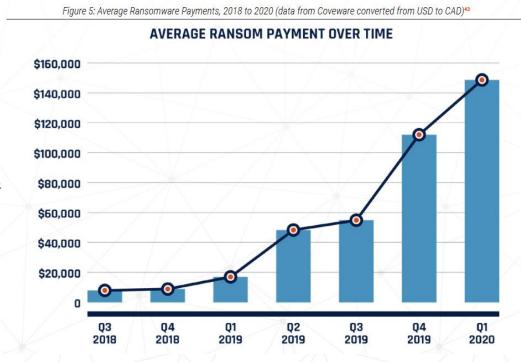




RANSOMWARE

Growing popularity of Ransomware

- Ransomware: How to Prevent and Recover
- Combatting Ransomware RCMP
- Threat Bulletin: Modern Ransomware and Its Evolution
- Cyber Center : Ransomware portal
- CISA: Ransomware Guidance and Resources
- CISA: Reduce the Risk of Ransomware
 Campaign
- CISA / MS-ISAC: Ransomware Guide
- CISA: Stop Ransomware
- CISA: Ransomware Readiness





PRIVATE INDUSTRY - NOTIFICATION

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is informing Food and Agriculture (FA) sector partners that ransomware actors may be more likely to attack agricultural cooperatives during critical planting and harvest seasons, disrupting operations, causing financial loss, and negatively impacting the food supply chain. The FBI noted ransomware attacks during these seasons against six grain cooperatives during the fall 2021 harvest and two attacks in early 2022 that could impact the planting season by disrupting the supply of seeds and fertilizer.
- This data is provided to help cyber security professionals and system administrators guard against the persistent malicious actions of cyber actors.

VARIOUS CYBER ATTACKS

Articles

FBI warns of 'timed' ransomware attacks on agriculture sector

JBS Paid \$11 Million to Resolve Ransomware Attack

The FBI's cyber division published a <u>flash alert</u> for the food and agriculture sector stating that "ransomware actors may be more likely to attack agricultural cooperatives during critical planting and harvest seasons" like the fall and early spring."

JBS USA Holdings Inc. paid an \$11 million ransom to cybercriminals who last week temporarily knocked out plants that process roughly one-fifth of the nation's meat supply.







Phishing...all it takes is just one click

Unfortunately, employees are often the weakest link in the cybersecurity chain. "88% of UK data breaches caused by human error, not cyberattacks," according to data obtained from the UK's Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Reference: https://www.hlb.qlobal/howvulnerableisthefoodsupplychaintoacyber-attack%3f/





PHISHING

- Phishing is the number one delivery vehicle for ransomware.
 - Phishing, SMiSing, Vishing, Quishing
 - Don't Take the Bait: Recognize and Avoid Phishing Attacks
 - The 7 red flags of Phishing



SOMETHING MAY BE PHISHY IF:

- You don't recognize the sender's name, email address, or phone number (e.g. very common for spear phishing)
- You notice a lot of spelling and grammar errors
- The sender requests your personal or confidential information
- The sender makes an urgent request with a deadline
- The offer sounds too good to be true



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Phishing...Don't Take the Bait



- Be wary of phishing. Phishing is an attack where a cyber criminal tries to trick you into clicking a malicious link or sharing information.
- These emails / texts appear legitimate and usually are related to a topic you care about.
- Be careful if you do not know the sender. Contact the sender another way.
- In this case, cyber criminals may take advantage of COVID-19 (panic around the pandemic or vaccination status) and the Olympics (results, information about your event, etc.) to try to lure you into clicking on malicious links
 - Check sender's email has a valid username and domain name and that you know the sender
 - Check the tone of the email, is it urgent or too good to be true?
 - Look for grammatical error in the body of the text



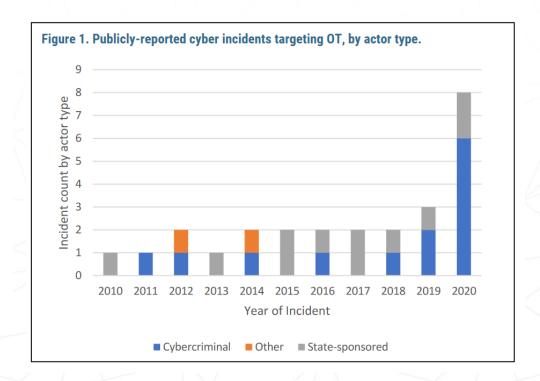
Don't Take the Bait: Recognize and Avoid Phishing Attacks
Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft Online (ITSAP.00.033)
Best Practices for Passphrases and Passwords (ITSAP.30.032)



THE THREAT LANDSCAPE

Cyber threat to operational technology

- Operational Technology (OT) plays an essential role in the management of Canada's CI
- Digital transformation of OT is providing cyber threat actors new opportunities to access and disrupt OT systems
- 2020 saw a spike in cyber threat activity against OT systems around the world



THREATS POSED BY IT AND OT CONVERGENCE

 Threat actors can now reach OT systems through increased exposure

 Vulnerabilities in ICS systems that were previously not accessible given the air gap traditionally in place can now be actively exploited



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IOT USE CASES IN AGRICULTURE

- Smart irrigation systems
- O Drones
- Weather sensors and other Internet of Things (IoT) monitoring tools in which aggregated data is provided for convenience:
 - Monitoring of climate conditions
 - Greenhouse automation
 - Crop management
 - Cattle monitoring and management
 - Precision farming
 - Agricultural drones
 - Predictive analytics for smart farming
 - End-to-end farm management systems



THE THREAT LANDSCAPE

Russian-backed cyber threat activity

- Given the Ukraine crisis, Russia will very likely attack the CI of perceived adversaries
- Be prepared to isolate CI components and services from the Internet
- Increase monitoring of your networks
- Enhance security posture (patch systems, enable logging, etc.)



SUPPLY CHAIN CYBER THREATS

- Sophisticated cyber threat actors can target the supply chain of goods and service providers in order to gain information on and access to their ultimate targets.
- We assess that indirect targeting through the supply chain is almost certainly an active, increasing threat to agriculture and agri/food sector.
- We assess the energy sector is almost certainly a top target for cyber actors.
 - Transportation of goods is highly vulnerable to disruptions in the supply of energy.

WORKING FROM HOME VULNERABILITIES

- What are the additional vulnerabilities?
 - Members of staff working from home on personal unsecured devices
 - Remote worksites: quickly deployed using default configurations and unpatched applications
 - Increased use of vulnerable VPNs, remote desktop services, cloud services
 - Rapid adoption of relatively untested applications (Zoom!)



MISINFORMATION, DISINFORMATION AND MALINFORMATION

- Misinformation: False information that is not intended to cause harm.
- O **Disinformation:** False information that is intended to manipulate, cause damage, or guide people, organizations, and countries in the wrong direction.
- Malinformation: Information that stems from the truth but is often exaggerated in a way that misleads and causes potential harm



CONSEQUENCES OF CYBER ATTACKS

- Safety: Malfunctioning IoT devices
- Ethical: Privacy breaches
- Legal: Civil action, lawsuits, regulatory investigations
- Operational: Service interruptions
- Financial: Expenses for investigation, remediation, settlement costs
- Reputational: Loss of public trust due to mis-information
- Loss of IP: Stolen research data or tampering



RECENT TRENDS

- Comparison of the first half of 2021 with the second half of 2020.
 - **Website defacements**: Website defacements were up 8% and primarily impacted small and medium-sized enterprises.
 - **Phishing**: Unique phishing URLs, with a large number of malicious links being associated with WhatsApp, is up by 56%.
 - Ransomware: Reports of ransomware cases increased 17%. Small-medium enterprises from the manufacturing and IT industries were affected the most.
 - Botnet drones: The number of botnet drones observed daily on unique and locally hosted C&C servers rose 146%.



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THE ROLE OF THE CYBER CENTRE

For Free Cyber Center Services: contact@cyber.gc.ca



COMMUNITY BUILDING CYBER THREAT BRIEF

Purpose is to share Relevant Cyber Information

- Updates on Cyber Incidents
- Updates on Cyber Security Threat



Bi-weekly on Wednesday



CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CENTRE CANADIEN COMPANY CYBERSECURITE

Walk-The-Talk Virtual Seminar Series

WHAT IS WALK-THE-TALK?

The Walk-the-Talk series of presentations are live virtual sessions featuring a subject matter expert providing in-depth information about a topic, tool or service, as well as answering questions from attendees.

Topics covered at recent talks include:

- Setting up and optimizing DMARC
- Supply Chain Risk and Inquiry
- Partner experiences dealing with incidents
- Guided introduction to malware.cyber.gc.ca

WHY USE THIS SERVICE?

The cyber threats faced by Canadian organizations evolve constantly. The goal of the Walk-the-Talk sessions is for the Cyber Centre to provide specific, actionable information to help partners improve their cyber security.

Similarly, the Partner Experience talks within the series aim to share specific tactics or solutions that a Cyber Centre partner has come across, with the goal of helping other organizations to tackle similar situations or prevent a similar incident.

AT A GLANCE

Walk-the-Talk is a Cyber Centre-hosted series of virtual presentations each covering one cyber security topic. The goal of these sessions is to collaboratively discuss cyber security so that the community of Cyber Centre partners can learn more about various aspects of cyber security from the Canadian community.

Subject matter experts present their topic and field any questions from attendees. These talks range from 30 to 90 minutes, and provide actionable information, or an introduction to a new Cyber Centre tool, service or capability.



Many of the Walk-the-Talk presentations are offered by subject matter experts from the Cyber Center. The **Partner Experience talks** within the series open to floor to Cyber Centre partners to share details about a particular security challenge, open-sourced investigative findings, or dark web insights, while still allowing time for questions and discussion.

SIGNING UP FOR SERVICE

Existing Cyber Centre partners should contact their cyber engagement lead for an invitation to this seminar series.

Prospective partners should contact contact@cyber.gc.ca for more information.

RELATED CYBER CENTRE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Partners who attend the Walk-the-Talk sessions might also be interested in our Alerts and Cyber Flash notifications. These provide time-sensitive information relating to a high-impact cyber issue.

In addition, most sectors also hold regular calls where they share threat briefings, as well as sector-relevant updates.

Please speak with your Cyber Centre engagement lead about these and other services your organization would like to receive from the Cyber Centre, or if you would like to present at a Partner Experience talk.

CANADIAN CYBER SECURITY TOOL (CCST)

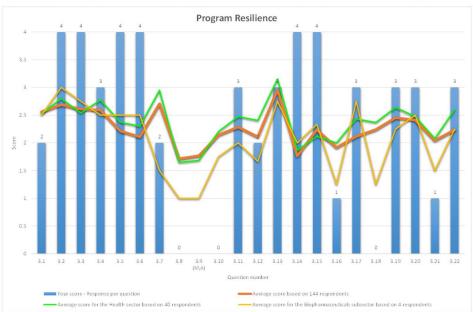
- What is it:
 - Online self-assessment tool designed to be completed in under 60 mins
 - Relevant for entities with a wide range of cyber postures
- The Goal:
 - Understand the RISK you are facing in order to better protect organization with implementation of appropriate controls
- Tool reports
 - Advice and guidance on <u>technical resilience and programmatic resilience</u>
 - Entity specific score and peer-based comparisons

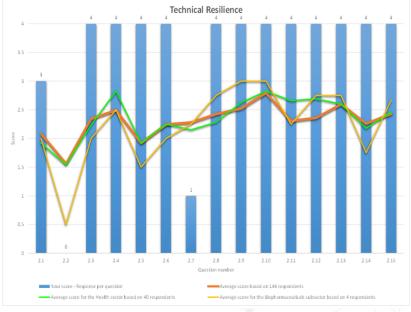


Canadian Cyber Security Tool



PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL RESILIENCE RESULTS



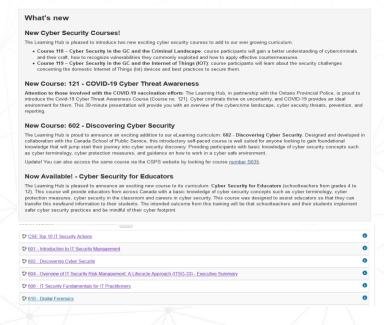


Indicator Level	Status	Description	
MIL - 0	Incomplete	Practices are not being performed	
MIL - 1	Performed	All practices are being performed	
MIL - 2	Planned	Practices are supported by planning and guidelines	
MIL - 3	Managed	Practices are organized and managed	
MIL - 4	Measured	Practices are monitored and controlled	
MIL- 5	Defined	Practices are uniform across an organization	

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

- Get Cyber Safe Campaign https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en
- Learning Hub https://cyber.gc.ca/en/learning-hub
- Publications https://cyber.gc.ca/en/publications





ISED Cyber Secure Program



https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/137.nsf/eng/h_00017.html

Fillable templates and examples

Introduction to Certification – Digital Asset Catalogue
Automatically Patch Operating Systems and Applications
Implement Access Control and Authorization

Use Strong User Authentication

Backup and Encrypt Data

Secure Portable Media

Establish Basic Perimeter Defences

Provide Employee Awareness Training

<u>Develop an Incident Response Plan</u>

How to guides

<u>Automatically Patch Operating Systems and Applications</u> <u>Enable Security Software</u>

Implement Access Control and Authorization

https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/137.nsf/eng/h_00040.html

How-to guides

From: Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

Automatically patch operating systems and applications

► How to enable automatic updates for MS Word

► How to manually patch MS Word

Enable security software

- ► How to configure windows defender antivirus
- ▶ How to enable or disable Windows Defender real-time protection
- ► How to configure the Windows Firewall
- ► How to allow desktop applications through the Windows Firewall
- ▶ How to configure the MRST
- ► How to configure XProtect
- ▶ How to configure the Mac Firewall
- ► How to configure Gatekeeper

Implement access control and authorization

- ▶ How to set up users, guests, and groups on Mac
- ➤ How to create a local user or administrator account in Windows 10

https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/137.nsf/eng/00042.html#1



A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR PUBLICATIONS

Cloud:

- Guidance on using tokenization for cloud-based services (ITSP.50.108)
- Guidance on the Security Categorization of Cloud-Based **Services**
- Guidance on defence in depth for cloud-based services
- Cloud computing
- Guidance on cloud security assessment and authorization
- Guidance on cloud service cryptography

Ransomware:

- Cyber Threat Bulletin: Modern Ransomware and Its Evolution Ransomware: How to recover and get back on track
- Ransomware: How to Prevent and Recover

Supply Chain (MSP):

- Supply chain security for small and medium-sized organizations Cyber Security Considerations For Consumers of Managed Sérvices

Digital World:

- Best practices for passphrases and passwords (ITSAP.30.032)
- Cyber security at home and in the office: Secure your devices, computers, and networks (ITSAP.00.007)
- Cyber security tips for remote work (ITSAP.10.116)
- Digital footprint (ITSAP.00.133)
- Don't take the bait: Recognize and avoid phishing attacks (ITSAP.00.101)
- Have you been hacked? (ITSAP.00.015)
- How to protect your organization from malicious macros (ITSAP.00.200)
- How Updates Secure Your Device (ITSAP.10.096)
- How to identify misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation (ITSAP.00.300)
- Password Managers-Security (ITSAP.30.025)
- Protect your organization from malware (ITSAP.00.057)
- Protecting Your Organization While Using WI-FI (ITSAP.80.009)
- Protecting Yourself From Identity Theft Online (ITSAP.00.033)
- Security considerations for QR codes ITSAP.00.141
- Security considerations when using social media in your organization ITSM.10.066
- Spotting malicious email messages (ITSAP.00.100)
- Virtual Private Networks (ITSAP.80.101)



INSIDER THREAT

- An individual can expose sensitive or personal information after gaining access to your network.
- Guidance:
 - Cyber Centre: Protecting against Insider Threat
 - Public Safety: <u>Insider Risk Checklist</u>
 - CISA Insider Risk Mitigation <u>Self-Assessment Tool</u>

8 Recommended Security Actions

- 1. Establish a Culture of Security
- 2. <u>Develop Clear Security Policies and Procedures</u>
- 3. Reduce Risks from Partners and Third Party Providers
- 4. Implement a Personnel Screening Life-Cycle
- 5. <u>Provide Training, Raise Awareness and Conduct Exercises</u>
- 6. Identify Critical Assets and Protect Them
- 7. Monitor, Respond to, and Mitigate Unusual Behaviour
- 8. Protect Your Data

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY ORGANIZATION?

Regularly back up your data and store off-line. LINK

Use strong and unique passwords, implement MFA. LINK

Update and patch systems. LINK

Have an Incident Response Plan (and test it!) LINK

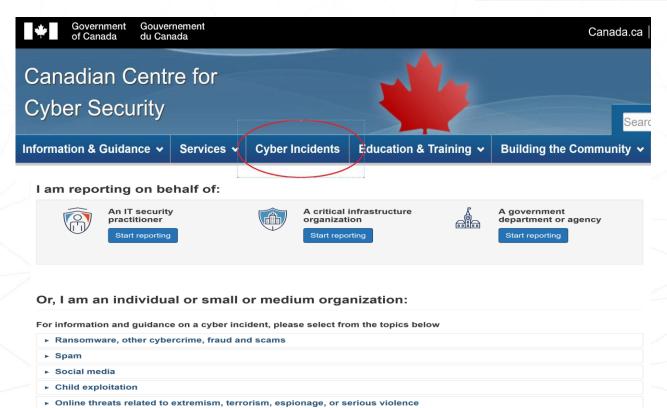
Use security tools. **LINK**

Cyber Center's <u>Baseline Cyber Security Controls for SMO</u>
ISED's <u>CyberSecure Canada</u> eLearning



INCIDENT HANDLING PORTAL

Urgency: contact@cyber.gc.ca



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IN SUMMARY: SERVICE ONBOARDING FORM





PROTECTED A Once Completed

TLP: AMBER ONCE COMPLETED

Organizational Contacts

Organization's Name			
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First Name			
Last Name			
Job Title			
Email Address			
Work Phone Number			
Mobile Phone Number	- 12		Z AN
Fax Number	Y	/ 74	
Language Preference	English	English	English
Alert (AL)	No	No	No
Cyber Flash (CF)	No	No	No
Weekly Technical Report (WTR)	No	No	No
Notification (NCTNS)	No	No	No

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DISCUSSION