Creating a cyber incident response plan is one of the most important ways municipalities can build an effective strategy for handling cybersecurity incidents and protect against cyberattacks by:

• Identifying critical business risks and gaps
• Creating protection and response strategies
• Strengthening municipal defenses
• Minimizing cyber incident impacts

The MassCyberCenter has materials to help the planning process, including templates, checklists, and guidance.

Learn more at: masscybercenter.org/municipalities
Commonwealth Municipal Cybersecurity Resources

MassCyberCenter
Municipal Cybersecurity
Provides tools and educates municipalities statewide on best cybersecurity practices and threats. masscybercenter.org/municipalities

Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS)
Office of Grants & Research (OGR)
Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
Advocates and helps with preparedness and planning in the event of a national, state, or local emergency. mass.gov/service-details/homeland-security-grants

Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS)
Massachusetts State Police - Commonwealth Fusion Center
Massachusetts Cybersecurity Program (MCP)
Provides cybersecurity threat reporting, training, education, and awareness. The MCP works closely with federal, state, local, and private sector agencies to establish effective communication and relationships. mcppol@pol.state.ma.us

Operational Services Division (OSD)
ITS78: Statewide Contract for Data, Cybersecurity, and Related Audit, Compliance, and Incident Response Services
Provides a list of approved vendors that offer a range of tools for municipal organizations to protect their IT infrastructure and data, including baseline assessments, remediation strategies and implementations, and cyberattack recovery solutions. mass.gov/doc/its78/download

Community Compact Cabinet
Best Practices Program
Opportunities to implement IT best practices related to planning and security. mass.gov/best-practices-program
IT Grant Program
A competitive grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology using the transformative powers of IT. mass.gov/community-compact-it-grant-program

Executive Office of Technology Service and Security (EOTSS)
Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program
Offers cybersecurity end-user training, evaluation, and threat simulation to municipal governments and school districts with the goal of improving the overall cybersecurity posture. mass.gov/info-details/apply-for-the-municipal-cybersecurity-awareness-grant-program
Office of Municipal and School Technology (OMST)
IT & Cybersecurity Health Check Programs
Provides opportunities for local government to access basic cybersecurity services at no cost. mass.gov/orgs/office-of-municipal-and-school-technology