

# America's Critical Infrastructure

## Connecting Across Sectors



The Center for  
Cross-Sector  
Coordination

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# Critical Infrastructure Risk Landscape

- Our communities and critical infrastructure are facing security and safety risks that are constantly evolving.
  - Technological innovation outpaces security standards.
  - Supply chains strain under geopolitical tension.
  - Nation-state actors, homegrown extremists, and non-state actors probe both cyber and physical systems.
  - Natural disasters ripple across regions and industries.
- Coordination among owners and operators of critical infrastructure—and between the public and private sectors — is critical.

# Critical Infrastructure Community



# Challenges to Cross-Sector Engagement

- In March 2025, DHS terminated the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC)
- Without this structure, infrastructure owners/operators and government agencies are unable to reap the full benefits of public-private coordination.
- Workforce reductions and reprioritization at the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Sector Risk Management Agencies have added pressure to government-led national risk reduction efforts across the 16 critical infrastructure sectors

# The Center for Cross-Sector Coordination

- The Center for Cross-Sector Coordination (CXC) is industry-led and focused on addressing cross-sector security and resilience challenges.
- CXC brings together a cross-sector network--including critical infrastructure owners and operators; associations; government agencies; technology and solutions providers; and strategic partners.

# CXC Mission Areas

- Network Access and Collaboration
- Convenings and Events
- Security Products and Expert Training



# Network Access and Collaboration

- **Cross-Sector Community**
  - Industry | Government | Strategic Partners
  - Working Groups (topical and strategically-grouped sectors)
  - Advisory Board
- Technology, Tools and Talent Network
- Partnerships: Strategic collaborations across government, industry sectors and disciplines.
- Facilitated Discussions: Trusted-space and protected conversations that surface real issues and workable solutions.

# Convenings and Events

- Kickoff Cross-Sector Symposium:
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> at the American Gas Association in DC
  - Practitioner-focused
  - Attended by owners/operators, sector associations, government, and critical infrastructure organizations
  - Discussions on artificial intelligence, UAS, supply chain security, emergency response, and infrastructure interdependencies, by leading experts on the threat environment, challenges, and potential solutions
  - Goal to identify shared priorities and inform CXC's initial 2026 initiatives and workstreams.

# Convenings and Events Cont'd

- Flagship Annual Event: In-person gathering of leading voices.
- Quarterly Specialized Speaker Series: Deep-dive, expert-driven sessions.
- Collaborations: with academic institutions, international partners, and law enforcement and first responder communities.
- Regional Reach: focused on local operational challenges.

# Security Products and Expert Training

- Security and Resilience Solutions: Guides, best-practices, templates, and responses to cross-sector challenges.
- Training: Targeted offerings for operators, executives, and security practitioners on cross-sector challenges and solutions.
- Newsletter: Curated insights, highlights, and hot topics.
- Exercises: Tailored to risk profiles and emerging issues.
- Insider Insights: Summaries of latest developments in security-related dialogue.
- “Wicked Problem” Facilitation: Structured approaches to hard cross-sector challenges.

# 2026 - 2027 Priority Areas for Cross-Sector Coordination

- Artificial Intelligence:
  - How are critical infrastructure organizations adopting AI while managing new security, operational, and regulatory risks?
  - What security, policy, and operational challenges must be addressed as AI capabilities rapidly expand?
- UAS
  - How are drone technologies and evolving authorities changing the threat landscape for critical infrastructure?
  - What tools, policies, and partnerships are seeing success - and how can the cross-sector community better inform them?
- Emergency Response and Interdependencies
  - How are critical infrastructure organizations preparing for cascading impacts across sectors during cyber, physical, and natural hazard incidents?
  - What coordination gaps exist between industry, Federal, and state/local response efforts?
- Supply Chain Security and Resilience
  - How can organizations strengthen visibility, trust, and resilience across increasingly interconnected supply chains?
  - What physical and cyber vulnerabilities pose the greatest cross-sector risks?

# Get Involved

- Become a Sponsor
- Join as a Member
- Become a Strategic Partner
- And then...
  - Participate in advisory committees and cross-sector working groups
  - Contribute to security and resilience solutions
  - Share best practices and lessons learned
  - Inform policies, guidance, and standards



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