

National Insider Threat Special Interest Group (NITSIG)

Protecting Information Is Our Mission

Serving As A Premier Trusted Partner To The
U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Intelligence Community Agencies,
Defense Industrial Base Contractors, Private-Sector Businesses / Organizations
For Insider Threat Mitigation

NITSIG Membership Code Of Ethics

The purpose of the NITSIG Membership Code of Ethics is to give employers, managers and other security professionals a high degree of confidence as to the integrity, character and creditability that the NITSIG holds members accountable to.

- The responsibilities of a NITSIG Member involved in insider threat risk mitigation and data protection can be very broad, and sometimes very deep.
- The services provided by a NITSIG Member to an organization are critical to the success of an organization's Insider Threat Program and the protection of the organizations assets.
- NITSIG Members will work closely with various departments within an organization (Physical-Facilities Security, Cyber Security, Information Systems Security, Information Assurance, IT/Network Security, Human Resources, Counterintelligence, Etc.) to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the organizations data, information systems and networking infrastructure.
- NITSIG Members must acknowledge that being part of the NITSIG is a privilege that must be held to the highest standards.
- A NITSIG Member agrees to adhere to, and support the NITSIG Code of Ethics.
- Any NITSIG Member who is known to violate any provisions of the NITSIG Code of Ethics, will be subject to revocation of their NITSIG Membership. A NITSIG Membership Registry is maintained by the NITSIG that signifies if a NITSIG Member is in good standing.

Securing State Governments, U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Intelligence Community agencies, Defense Industrial Base Contractors, Critical Infrastructure Providers, businesses and private sector organizations are of the utmost importance and critical to the security of the nation. A NITSIG Member is part of an elite group of individuals that protect valuable information (Classified Information, Proprietary Information, Intellectual Property, Trade Secrets, Customer Records, Designs, Formulas, Or Any Other Information Of Value To An Organization)

The NITSIG hereby sets forth this NITSIG Membership Code of Ethics to guide NITSIG Members in their professional and personal conduct. Improper conduct by a NITSIG Member could reflect negatively on the overall NITSIG Membership.

As A NITSIG Member I Shall:

1. Perform my duties with due diligence and professionalism, and act in the best interest of the all stakeholders, in a lawful and honest manner, while maintaining high standards of conduct and character, and not engaging in any acts that are discreditable to other NITSIG Members or other security professionals.
2. Agree that if I am uncertain as to if any of my actions or professional and personal conduct are improper, I will contact the NITSIG for clarification.

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3. Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of all information obtained in the course of my professional duties. Such information shall not be used for personal benefit or released to any individual(s) or parties, without authorization from the appropriate organizational official(s).
4. Inform all responsible and appropriate parties in an organization of all the significant facts known to you, related to (But Not Limited To); Insider Threats, known or suspected deficiencies, vulnerabilities, risks or threats to an organizations Insider Threat Program, Cyber Security Program, Information Systems Security Programs, Security Policies and Procedures, Software Applications, Information Systems and Networks, Personnel Security and Facilities Security; that may affect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of an organizations data, the ability to performed it's stated mission, and it's ability to be in compliance with all applicable laws and mandated State or U.S. Government requirements relating to privacy and information systems security.
5. Depending on the scope of my professional responsibilities, I may develop or acquire information from a security assessment that contains; Insider Threat Program weaknesses, Insider Threat vulnerabilities, deficiencies and / or vulnerabilities in software applications, information systems and networking infrastructures. I have an obligation to safely and securely store and protect the confidentiality of all Security Vulnerability Reports, related information and an organizations data. This includes limiting access within the organization to the only individuals with a need to know for the information.
6. Support the professional mentoring, education, training and awareness of; Other NITSIG Members, An Organizations Senior Management, Security Professionals, IT Network Administrators/Engineers, Data Owners, and it's workforce, in enhancing their knowledge and abilities to protect the organizations data, information systems and networks from Insider Threats.
7. Support the development, implementation and management of Insider Threat Programs in accordance with National Insider Threat Policy Regulations. (Specific Organizational Regulations May Also Apply).
8. Encourage compliance with FISMA, NIST Information Security Standards and Guidelines, CNSS Instructions, DNI ICD's, OMB Policies, and all applicable State and U.S. Government Laws and Regulations, for the protection of an organizations mission, data, information systems and networks.
9. Agree not to attempt to circumvent / hack any security control(s) (Management, Operational, Technical, Physical) (Unless Authorized), on any information system(s), network(s), or inter-connected network(s) to gain access, or to access data for which I am not authorized, or do not have a valid need to know, or is outside the scope of my responsibilities.
10. Agree not to provide individuals access to organizational facilities, data, information systems or networks, for which an individual does not have the proper authorization, valid need to know, or is outside the scope of the individuals responsibilities.
11. Agree not to access organizational facilities, data, information systems or networks, for which I do not have the proper authorization, valid need to know, or is outside the scope of my responsibilities.
12. Understand that if I hold a Security Clearance that is a privilege, not a right. When I accept the privilege of access to classified or sensitive information, I am also accepting the responsibilities that accompany this privilege, and the Code of Conduct that must be followed. I must recognize and avoid behaviors that might jeopardize my security clearance, and recognize behaviors in others that may need to be reported to a security officer.
13. Agree to abide by the NITSIG Copyright Notice Acknowledgement Agreement as it relates to the protection of NITSIG Insider Threat Training Materials (Electronic, Hardcopy), that I may access to, and all related copyrighted training material on the Insider Threat Program Training Course Website or NITSIG Members portal.

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NITSIG Membership Code of Ethics Acknowledgement

I hereby agree that I have read and understand the **NITSIG Membership Code of Ethics** requirements as outlined above. I understand that failure to comply with the **NITSIG Membership Code of Ethics** can result in the revocation of my NITSIG Membership.

Name / Please Print

Signature / Date

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