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# TRAVEL SECURITY AWARENESS

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Personnel with access to SCI must complete a foreign travel questionnaire prior to official/unofficial travel.*

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## RAISING TRAVEL SECURITY AWARENESS

Summer is traditionally a season of heavy travel. Eighty-five percent of Americans plan to travel this summer and nearly 23% intend to travel internationally, according to the “Summer Travel Survey & Trends 2023” report by The Vacationer. Many DOD personnel and cleared contractors will travel for work and vacations in the summer. Whether traveling within the U.S. or overseas, personnel with security clearances are at the same risk for criminal activities as other travelers and are prime targets of Foreign Intelligence Services and terrorists. Personnel with access to classified information or who hold a sensitive position must report unofficial/official foreign travel prior to departure in accordance with agency/organization policy. Security professionals should educate their workforces about travel risks, how to mitigate them, and actions to take in the event of an issue. Individuals should

learn about potential threats, how to minimize their risks, and what to do in the event of an incident.

CDSE, the U.S. State Department, and National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) have travel security resources. Many of the resources focus on foreign travel but some of the threats (criminal activities/foreign intelligence targeting/etc.) and mitigation strategies also pertain to travel in the U.S. These resources can be used to raise travel related security awareness within organizations and

by individuals planning to travel.

One of the primary ways to educate DOD and cleared industry personnel regarding travel risks, mitigation strategies, and available travel resources is through a security briefing. Security information related to travel can be given through a general security awareness briefing or a travel briefing. CDSE offers a Defensive Security Briefing, a Counterintelligence (CI) Foreign Travel Briefing, and a Foreign Travel Brief Template. CDSE also has several security awareness travel posters which can





be shared online or placed within facilities.

Defensive travel briefings alert personnel to the potential for harassment, exploitation, provocation, capture, entrapment, or criminal activity. They also provide courses of action to mitigate adverse security and personal consequences. The briefings suggest passive and active measures to avoid becoming targets or inadvertent victims. The Defensive Security Briefing available through CDSE is taken from DODM 5105.21-

V3, October 19, 2012, Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) Administrative Security Manual: Administration of Personnel Security, Industrial Security, and Special Activities. This briefing provides information regarding Foreign Intelligence Services, terrorists/criminal/mob violence, travel guidance, and reporting requirements.

The CDSE CI Foreign Travel Briefing is offered as a Short or 15-minute eLearning course (CI022.16). Both the course and Short assist DOD

personnel and facility security officers (FSOs) working in cleared defense contractor facilities in the development of their own tailored briefs. It contains an outline of topics which are recommended for inclusion in a CI Foreign Travel Brief. Topics include Vulnerability Awareness, Personal Safety, Terrorist Threat, Assistance Contacts, and Before You Go. The Foreign Travel Brief Template allows DOD security personnel and FSOs to add or subtract information to fit their organizational needs.

## CDSE AND DOD TRAVEL SECURITY RESOURCES

RESOURCE	URL
Defensive Security Briefing	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/jobajds/information/defensive-security-briefing.pdf">https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/jobajds/information/defensive-security-briefing.pdf</a>
CI Foreign Travel Briefing Course	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/CI022/">https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/CI022/</a>
Foreign Travel Brief Template	<a href="https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdse.edu%2FPortals%2F124%2FDocuments%2Fjobajds%2Fci%2FForeign_Travel_Brief_Template.ppt&amp;wdOrigin=BROWSELINK">https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdse.edu%2FPortals%2F124%2FDocuments%2Fjobajds%2Fci%2FForeign_Travel_Brief_Template.ppt&amp;wdOrigin=BROWSELINK</a>
Travel Reporting Poster	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Travel_Reporting_Reqs.pdf">https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Travel_Reporting_Reqs.pdf</a>
Know the Risks Poster	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/KnowTheRisks.pdf">https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/KnowTheRisks.pdf</a>
Packing	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Packing.pdf">https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Packing.pdf</a>
Travel	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Travel.pdf">https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Travel.pdf</a>
Counterintelligence Awareness Toolkit – Foreign Travel and Visits Tab	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Counterintelligence-Awareness-Toolkit/">https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Counterintelligence-Awareness-Toolkit/</a>



The National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) also offers posters, security awareness videos, and a job aid to promote safe travels for DOD and cleared industry personnel. Their CI Tips/Safe Travel job aid focuses on the threats and mitigation strategies concerning traveling with electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, cell phones, and digital cameras. Tips for protecting sensitive information are given for before, during, and after travel.

NCSC TRAVEL RESOURCES	
RESOURCE	URL
Travel Requirements Poster	<a href="https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Travel_Reporting_Reqs.pdf">https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/posters/small/Travel_Reporting_Reqs.pdf</a>
Travel Awareness Video	<a href="https://youtu.be/6ZXYEdWPBYA">https://youtu.be/6ZXYEdWPBYA</a>
Human Targeting Video	<a href="https://youtu.be/XpqOEniQK9U">https://youtu.be/XpqOEniQK9U</a>
Human Targeting and Travel Awareness Posters	<a href="https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/CFIT_Poster_Human_Targeting.jpg">https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/CFIT_Poster_Human_Targeting.jpg</a> <a href="https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/CFIT_Poster_Travel_Awareness.jpg">https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/CFIT_Poster_Travel_Awareness.jpg</a> <a href="https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Human_Targeting.jpg">https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Human_Targeting.jpg</a> <a href="https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Travel.jpg">https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Travel.jpg</a>
CI/Safe Travel Tips	<a href="https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Counterintelligence_Tips_Safe_Travels.pdf">https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Counterintelligence_Tips_Safe_Travels.pdf</a>
Security Executive Agent Directive 3, Reporting Requirements for Personnel with Access to Classified Information or Who Hold a Sensitive Position	<a href="https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/Regulations/SEAD-3-Reporting-U.pdf">https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/Regulations/SEAD-3-Reporting-U.pdf</a>

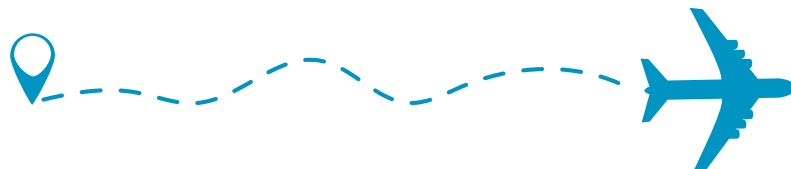




The U.S. State Department offers many different essential travel resources for personnel traveling overseas for official and unofficial reasons. There is information on preparing for a trip abroad which includes checking for travel advisories for your destination, reading up on financial scams overseas, signing up for alerts through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), and reviewing the Traveler's Checklist. Emergency contact information and lodging safety tips are also available.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL RESOURCES	
RESOURCE	URL
Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/step.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/step.html</a>
Traveler's Checklist	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-checklist.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-checklist.html</a>
Traveler's Checklist Card	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/NEWTravelAssets/pdfs/Travelers%20Checklist_V6%20web.pdf">https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/NEWTravelAssets/pdfs/Travelers%20Checklist_V6%20web.pdf</a>
Travel Advisories	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html.html</a>
International Financial Scams	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies/international-financial-scams.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies/international-financial-scams.html</a>
U.S. Embassy/ Consulate Locator	<a href="https://www.usembassy.gov/">https://www.usembassy.gov/</a>
Emergency Contact Information	From the U.S. & Canada - 1-888-407-4747   From Overseas - +1 202-501-4444
Emergencies	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies.html</a>
Lodging Safety	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/lodging-safety.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/lodging-safety.html</a>

Whether traveling in the U.S. or overseas, DOD personnel and cleared contractors should take the time to review available travel security resources to reduce their risk of being targets of FIS or criminal activity. Security professionals should raise awareness through briefings, posters, and targeted messaging concerning travel risks and security tips to mitigate those risks. They should also let their personnel know about any responsibilities to notify security officials before overseas travel, requirements to receive travel briefings and/or refresher training, and any reporting requirements after travel. The resources provided by CDSE, NCSC, and the U.S. State Department will help security professionals prepare their workforces and individuals prepare themselves to have safer and more secure travel experiences.





## UPDATED TRANSMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION FOR INDUSTRY COURSE

CDSE recently updated the “Transmission and Transportation for Industry” course. This online course introduces the requirements and methods for transmitting or transporting classified information and other classified material in accordance with National Industrial Security Program (NISP) requirements. Sign up at: <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/IS107/>.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE DCSA CONFERENCE FOR INSIDER THREAT

Registration is open for the DCSA Conference for Insider Threat in support of National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM). Join us virtually on September 7, as DCSA provides insider threat practitioners in DOD, federal agencies, private industry, critical infrastructure sectors, and academia with a virtual conference to engage with senior leadership on the topic of insider threat. This year’s NITAM theme is “Bystander Engagement.” The conference will include an address from Keynote Speaker Andrew J. Lochli, Assistant Director, Counterintelligence and Insider Threat (DCSA), and cover such topics as counter-insider threat professionalization, organizational resources, toolkits for insider threat mitigation, and more.

Register here: [https://cdse-events.acms.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/90114909/event\\_landing.html?sco-id=90097611&\\_charset\\_=utf-8](https://cdse-events.acms.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/90114909/event_landing.html?sco-id=90097611&_charset_=utf-8)



## SIGN UP FOR INSIDER THREAT WEBINAR

CDSE invites you to participate in our upcoming live webinar:

**The Washington Navy Yard Shooting: 10 Years Later and A Survivor’s Account**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET**

This year marks 10 years since the tragic Washington Navy Yard shooting that occurred on September 16, 2013. Since then, there have been many positive changes to DOD insider threat policy and programs. This webinar is a collaboration between DCSA and the US Navy. The main presentation of the webinar features a guest speaker who is a survivor of the shooting and he will share his personal account.

Visit <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Webinars-and-Conferences/> to register for this event and join the discussion!

## VDSCI RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE

The recordings for the April Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry are now available! If you missed the conference or just want to rewatch one or more of the sessions, visit <https://cdse.acms.com/pg4na4dyagdo/>



## EDUCATION FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is still available for the fall semester of CDSE Education classes that run from August 21 to December 17, 2023. The following classes still have seats available:

### **ED508.10 - Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Reporting to Support DOD Security Programs**

This course will help prepare the senior security manager to demonstrate clarity in the strategic interpretation of empirical vs. notional-based recommendations in order to justify resources, critically evaluate feasibility of research proposals, and demonstrate program performance. It addresses research strategy and design, data collection, statistical and interpretive analysis, and final report preparation. The focus of this course is not on mastery of statistics but on the ability to use research in the Department of Defense (DOD) Security environment.

### **ED 514.10 – Cybersecurity and Oversight of Information System Security**

This course will explore the role of the non-technical DOD security specialist related to information systems security, information assurance and cybersecurity. Emphasis will be placed on developing effective relationships between the many organizational players who have a role in information systems security, information assurance, and cybersecurity and how these relationships serve to increase operational effectiveness and security of the organization.

CDSE Education Program offers:

- Tuition free & flexible 100% virtual instructor-led courses
- Five Security Education Certificate programs
- Highly qualified instructors
- Real-world practical assignments
- Virtual networking with professionals throughout the security community

You can learn more about the additional classes being offered and register for them by accessing the links here:

<https://www.cdse.edu/education/courses.html>. To register, log into STEPP via: <https://cdse.usalearning.gov/login/index.php>.



## REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR AUGUST SECURITY CONFERENCE

There's still time to register for the 2023 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for DOD on August 16-17! This year's conference theme is "Elevating Security Through Vigilance and Innovation." The agenda will include topics such as Insider Threat, security classification guides, personnel security vetting, policy updates, and more. The conference is open to .mil and .gov email holders.

Register at the following link: [https://cdse.acms.com/vdsc2023/event/event\\_info.html](https://cdse.acms.com/vdsc2023/event/event_info.html).





## UPCOMING ILT/VILT TRAINING COURSES

Consider signing up for one of CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led training (VILT) courses! Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. Complete CDSE courses to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program certifications and credentials, and select courses have ACE CREDIT recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities. Below is a list of ILT/VILT courses available August - October 2023. The FY24 schedule will be available on August 1, 2023 and can be found [here](#).

COURSE		DATE (2023)	DESCRIPTION
Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems (ILT)	CompTIA	Aug. 21 - 25	This course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used throughout the U.S. Government to protect information within computer systems, as delineated by the Risk Management Framework (RMF) process. This course will also provide a comprehensive understanding of contractor requirements under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).
Personnel Vetting Management Seminar (VILT)		Oct. 3 - 5	This seminar is presented to address the requirements associated with the new Trusted Workforce 2.0 reform of the Federal Government's personnel vetting system.
Physical Security and Asset Protection (VILT)		Oct. 16 - Nov. 5	This course will provide students the ability to identify and utilize regulatory guidance, methodologies, and concepts for protecting DOD assets.
Getting Started Seminar for New Facility Security Officers (ILT)	CompTIA	Oct. 17 - 18	This course allows new Facility Security Officers (FSOs) and security personnel to learn and apply fundamental National Industrial Security Program (NISP) requirements in a collaborative environment. It also serves as a refresher on industrial security basics for experienced FSOs.





**WHAT EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE SAYING**

**ED 508 – Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Reporting to Support DoD Security Programs:**

“Better understanding of the usefulness of data analysis and improved interpretation of results.”

“Enhanced my ability to design studies both qualitative and quantitative to explore technology systems and their effectiveness.”

**ED 514 – Cybersecurity and Oversight of Information System Security:**

“I believe I have a better understanding of integration points between cybersecurity and information security. I also understand a bit better why the naming convention problem of information security in IT minds and information security in intel minds exists.”

“My initial expectation of the course far exceeded what I gained from the course. Initially, I thought it was going to be all computer programming and stuff. Not so, it turned out to be a great experience and now I am excited to go for more cybersecurity training and certifications.”

“This course is full of quality content and I gained more insight on cyber requirements.”

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS FOR SPED PROGRAM

After you have achieved your certification or credential, you’re required to successfully complete at least 100 professional development units (PDUs) within their two-year certification maintenance period. The various ways you can acquire PDUs can be found on this Fact Sheet: [https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/certification/PDU\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/certification/PDU_fact_sheet.pdf).



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