Utah’s critical infrastructure provides essential services that support all businesses and communities. Critical infrastructure includes...
1. the power we use in our homes and businesses,
2. the water we drink,
3. the transportation systems that get us from place to place,
4. the first responders and hospitals in our communities,
5. the farms that grow and raise our food,
6. and the Internet and communication systems we rely on to stay in touch with friends and family.

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, observed in November, builds awareness and appreciation of the importance of critical infrastructure and reaffirms Utah’s commitment to keep our critical infrastructure and our communities safe and secure. Securing the nation's infrastructure is a national priority that requires planning and coordination across the whole community. Utah’s can do their part at home, at work, and in their local communities by being prepared for all hazards, reporting suspicious activities, and learning more about critical infrastructure security and resilience.

We are highlighting four themes related to critical infrastructure security and resilience:

**Week 1:** Our connected infrastructure – Cyber and physical interdependence. Cybersecurity efforts make us resilient to malicious acts on the Internet. Easy resilience-building activities can be found at [https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cybersecurity](https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cybersecurity)

**Week 2:** Hometown Security – “Connect, Plan, Train, Report” Employees can contribute to the safety and security of their workplace and their communities. Learn how to Connect - Plan - Train – Report Go to [https://www.dhs.gov/hometown-security](https://www.dhs.gov/hometown-security) to learn how to start chipping in on whole community resilience where you live and work.

**Week 4:** Fostering innovation and investment in resilient infrastructure. “Stop. Think. Connect. Message”. Small business resources for building protections into your Internet and computer use are found at [https://www.dhs.gov/publication/stopthinkconnect-small-business-resources](https://www.dhs.gov/publication/stopthinkconnect-small-business-resources)

**Week 3:** Partnering with the public and private sectors to build resilience. The active shooter problem is an everyday concern. Contact your local law enforcement and plan together for this increasing threat. They are the first responders to arrive at a shooting so meet now to plan ahead. Seconds count in a shooting incident. Planning now will make a difference later.

**Bonus:** Please join us for our next Private Sector Preparedness Council Forums. In addition please remember that if you “See Something - Say Something” through reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement or email sars@utah.gov and sign up for the free 8 Signs of Terrorism training. This training is available to your group or business upon request at lsisam@utah.gov.

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