



Florida Infrastructure Protection Center Secure Florida Initiative

With reliance on computer and telecommunications increasing both globally and locally, the components of Florida's cyber infrastructure are becoming more and more interdependent. As a result, disasters to our infrastructure and information systems threaten not only our safety and our economy, but also our ability to react to emergencies.

Forty percent of all businesses experiencing a disaster will go out of business within five years. Even those surviving often suffer a severe loss of revenue and reputation.
-- Peter Browne, V.P., Predictive Systems' Global Integrity

Whether from terrorists, malicious hackers, natural disasters, or human error, potential cyber catastrophes are a constant threat. As Floridians, we have seen what devastation that hurricanes alone can do -- in the past thirty-five years, the top three hurricanes have been responsible for *more than thirty billion dollars' damage* in Florida.

We cannot prevent a hurricane, and we may not be able to prevent a cyber attack. We can, however, take steps to protect our systems, our information, and ultimately ourselves.

Secure Florida is an education and awareness initiative jointly developed by the Florida Infrastructure Protection Center (FIPC) and representatives from the private sector. **Its mission is to protect the citizens and economy of Florida by safeguarding our information systems, reducing our vulnerability to cyber-attacks, and increasing our responsiveness to any threat.** Secure Florida is committed to educating local governments, the business community, and private citizens on the critical need to secure their cyber infrastructure, information, and computer systems. The Secure Florida website – www.secureflorida.org – is Florida's premier source for cyber security news and information.

Secureflorida.org is open to the public, and presents a variety of cyber security topics for both businesses and private citizens, such as virus protection, strong passwords, protecting children online, network intrusions, and preparing business continuity plans.

The site also features the latest in computer security news and online legal issues, as well as featured articles about computer security and safety topics. Secureflorida.org has discussions on cyber laws (both Florida and federal), instructions on reporting cyber crimes, links to related sites, and definitions of computer and cyber terminology. The site also prominently displays the current National Threat Level.

In addition, users can register with secureflorida.org to receive the latest in cyber security alerts. These alerts can be sent to their e-mail inboxes or their cell phones, any time of the day or night.

Secureflorida.org is truly is a one-stop shop for computer-related information, technology news, and cyber security for every Floridian's home or business.

Help protect our information resources — become a member of Secure Florida!