

50 + Ways to Participate in Computer Security Day

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1. Display computer security posters.
2. Present computer security briefings.
3. Change your password. Cambie su contraseña. Modifier votre mot de passe.
4. Check for computer viruses. Contrôler la présence du virus.
5. Show computer security videos, films or slides.
6. Protect against static electricity.
7. Modify the logon message on your computer system to notify users that **Computer Security Day** is 30 November.
8. Vacuum your computer and the immediate area.
9. Clean the heads on your disk drives or other magnetic media drives.
10. Back up your data (after being certain that it is virus-free).
11. Delete unneeded files.
12. Initiate a computer security poster design contest for next year.
13. Demonstrate computer security software.
14. Publicize existing computer security policy.
15. Issue new and improved computer security policy.
16. Declare an amnesty day for computer security violators who wish to reform.
17. Announce **Computer Security Day** in your internal newsletter.
18. Examine the audit files on your computers.
19. Verify that the welcome message that is normally used on your computer is appropriate for your organization.
20. Write-protect all diskettes that are not to be written to.
21. Encrypt hard drives containing sensitive information.
22. Verify your inventory of computer applications.
23. Verify your inventory of computer utilities and packaged software.
24. Verify your inventory of computer hardware.
25. Install and inspect power surge protection as appropriate.
26. Install fire/smoke detection and suppression equipment in computer areas.
27. Eliminate dust from computer areas, including chalk dust.
28. Provide dust and water covers for personal and larger computers.
29. Post "No Drinking" and "No Smoking" signs in computer areas.
30. Develop a recovery plan for all computer systems that require one.
31. Verify that passwords are not posted and all other keys are secured.
32. Verify that backup power and air conditioning fit your needs.
33. Have a mini training session to provide all computer users with a basic understanding of computer security.
34. Verify that all source code is protected from unauthorized changes.
35. Verify that each computer has a trouble log and that it is being used.
36. Verify that appropriate offsite storage exists and is being used.
37. Remove all unnecessary items such as extra supplies, coat racks and printouts from the computer room.
38. Select a computer system on which to perform a risk analysis.
39. Begin planning for next year's **Computer Security Day**.
40. Change the FORMAT command in DOS to avoid accidentally FORMATING disks.
41. Protect the computer on your store-and-forward phone message system.
42. Hold a discussion of ethics with computer users.
43. Volunteer to speak about computer security at a local computer club or school.
44. Collect **Computer Security Day** memorabilia to trade with others.
45. Register and pay for all commercial software that is used on your computers.
46. Register and pay for all shareware that you use regularly.
47. Install all security-related updates to your computer's operating system.
48. Help a computer novice backup his/her files.
49. Plan to attend a computer security meeting or seminar.
50. Consider the privacy aspect of the data on your computer and protect them.
51. Secure your portable computer equipment.
52. Enable password protection on your screen saver.
53. Update the data for your antivirus program.
54. Send us (ACSD) an item to add to this list.

2006 Poster Contest

The Association for Computer Security Day (ACSD) is once again sponsoring a computer security poster contest. Entries from previous contests have been used for the official Computer Security Day posters, which have been distributed worldwide at no cost to all CSD participants. Local contests will be held by some chapters of ACM, ISSA and other cooperating societies. The best posters from each local contest will be combined into a final competition for use as the annual Computer Security Day poster.

Who may enter: Any member of ACM, ISSA, ITAA, ISACA, any other cooperating society, or anyone who has been a Computer Security Day participant. One entry per person.

Deadline: Each local contest chairman will set deadlines for local contests. The deadline for the combined contest will be 1 February 2006.

How to enter: Contact your local cooperating society chapter. If you have no local contest, send your entry to the Association for Computer Security Day; P.O. Box 39110; Washington DC 20016.

Topic: Entries may be on any topic that is central to computer security. The annual subtheme for Computer Security Day for the year 2006 will be "Working Together." Entries do not have to reflect the subtheme.

Criteria for judging: Entries will be judged on their suitability as an international poster, the general applicability of the computer security message, originality and the appropriateness of the entry as the official CSD poster.

Form of entry: Entries may be of any form from pencil line drawing to photographic collage. Size 8 1/2" x 11" to 12" x 18". Source of clip art or other drawings that are part of an entry must be given if entry is not done entirely by submitter. Multiple colors are encouraged, but not necessary. Company slogans, trademarked or copyrighted items should not be included as part of any entry.

Results: The winner will be announced on the ACSD site at www.computersecurityday.org.

Prizes: Local contests may provide separate prizes. For the combined contest, the winner will receive a one-year membership in ACM, ISACA, SIGSAC or ISSA. The name and affiliation of the submitter of the winning entry will be included on the official CSD poster if permission can be obtained from the winner.

Conditions for entry: By entering this contest, the submitter gives the ACSD the right to use the entry, in part or whole, as part of CSD promotions, including the official poster for Computer Security Day. The CSD poster may be duplicated and distributed, both with and without charge, without compensation to the originator. Entries will not be returned unless special arrangements are made.

Please post and publish in your chapter or company newsletter.