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Elevated

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

Keeping Your WordPress Website Secure

WordPress (also known as WP or WordPress.org) is a web content management system. It was originally created as a tool to publish blogs but has evolved to support publishing other web content, including more traditional websites, mailing lists and Internet forum, media galleries, membership sites, learning management systems and online stores. Available as free and open-source software, WordPress is among the most popular content management systems and is used by about 40% of websites. Its popularity makes it a prime target for hackers, especially those that are not as secure or contain known software vulnerabilities. A variety of themes and plugins are available to WordPress users. Themes and Plugins allow for flexible customizations which is one of the reasons WordPress is so popular - they can also increase a site’s vulnerabilities if they are not kept up to date.

Threat actors target sites for many reasons which include stealing sensitive information or financial data or stealing login credentials which could be then sold online or used to create fraudulent identities. Many Houses of Worship use websites to manage their giving activities and as such, maintaining a secure site is paramount in keeping those transactions safe and secure.



While there is no single security measure that can guarantee 100% protection, a defense in depth, with many of the data points above, can reduce the potential risk.

- Update your site regularly.
- Clean up your website.
- Use strong passwords.
- Implement Multi-Factor Authentication.
- Backup your site.
- Train staff.
- Scan frequently.

There are some common indicators for knowing whether your WordPress site, or any website has been hacked.

- Can’t log in to the dashboard.
- There’s new content or static pages on your site.
- Browser warnings appear when you navigate to your site.
- Visitors are unexpectedly redirected to other websites.
- Google search results show warnings for your WordPress site.

To learn more about website security, refer to [this article from Sucuri](#).

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Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

How to join...

Not Yet on FB-ISAO Slack? You Need to Be!

Write to membership

Selected Upcoming FB-ISAO Events. Visit the [events page](#) for a complete listing.

Office Hours. <i>(Meeting Invitations sent to all members via email.)</i>	No Office Hours in March
Community Meeting	21 March 2024 at 12pm ET
FireArms in the House: Armed Considerations	03 April at 12:00pm ET



Considerations for the Use of Security Cameras

Security cameras keep watch over your indoor and outdoor spaces, acting as an extra pair of eyes and ears to monitor your property, peace of mind is one of the main benefits of security cameras, whether you choose to install cameras that are wired or wireless. They can increase your security by letting you check in on your property from wherever you are, see a live feed on a smartphone or computer, and get immediate alerts of any unusual activity.

Cameras, like many security tools, are useful if they are part of the layered approach to security. They can extend the reach of security teams and provide valuable evidence in the event of an incident. However, there are several important planning considerations for organizations when deciding whether to invest in these systems.

- ✓ Who’s watching the feed / Who is managing the alerts?
- ✓ Is the team trained on the use of the tool?
- ✓ Has a thorough assessment been conducted on camera placement?
- ✓ IP Cameras will be connected to the network and as with all IoT devices, they can present a vulnerability. Refer to a blog on [Securing the Internet of Things \(IoT.\)](#)

FB-ISAO issued an advisory on 21 February 2024 that addressed, in greater depth, the considerations for use of security cameras. Members were sent the advisory via email.



Spotlight: Community Meeting

Community Meetings are a great way for the FB-ISAO members to connect with one another and to get updates. The March 2024 Community Meeting will be held on 21 March at 12pm ET. During the meeting we’ll...

- Host a networking / social activity
- Get a threat update from the Operational Resilience Working Group
- Hear from the Co-Chairs of the Cyber Threat Intelligence Working Group
- Discuss community updates
- AND...recognize our Most Valuable Member

Please refer to this post on [recognizing your peers](#). In a peer-to-peer sharing environment, the folks who are participating should be the ones who decide ‘what is’ and ‘who is’ valuable to that process. **+** Register [here to participate in the community meeting](#) on 21 March at 12pm ET.