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An Introduction to WARPs

“How can information sharing on ICT security vulnerabilities, incidents, threats and good practice support the business objectives of an organisation? “

“Would you like to know of real issues which would significantly increase the risk to your organisation?”

“Would you also like to know how to reduce this risk in line with good practice, so that you can stand shoulder to shoulder with your peers?”

The answer to these questions is to create a WARP (Warning Advice and Reporting Point) amongst a community of interest who share the same concerns as you, and may be working towards the same solutions.

WARP members agree to work together as part of a community and share information to reduce the risk of their information systems being compromised, and therefore reduce the risk to their organisation.

This sharing community could be based on a business sector, geographic location, technology standards, interest group, risk grouping or whatever makes business sense.



The National Infrastructure Security Co-ordination Centre (NISCC) is promoting Information Sharing and working with the Central Sponsor for Information Assurance (CSIA) to provide assistance in setting up these Information Sharing communities. This assistance comes in the form of this WARP Toolbox, which is freely available to any organisation or community that wants to set up its own WARP.

WARPs can deliver more effective and lower cost security by providing to members:

- A trusted environment
- Security information filtering
- Access to expert advice
- Early warning of threats
- Strategic decision support
- Improved Awareness

The WARP Toolbox website can help to deliver all the benefits listed above; for more details, see reverse of this sheet.

To find out more about NISCC and its Information Sharing work go to www.niscc.gov.uk



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WARPs (Warning, Advice and Reporting Points)

WARPs are part of NISCC's information sharing strategy to protect the UK's Critical National Infrastructure from electronic attack. WARPs have been shown to be effective in improving information security by stimulating better communication of alerts and warnings, improving awareness and education, and encouraging incident reporting. Membership of a WARP can also reduce the costs of good Security. If you want to take the lead in creating a WARP for your community, then with the WARP Toolbox you can:

- get help in producing a business case for a WARP;
- read guidelines, case studies and reference documents;
- download customisable documents, presentations and spreadsheets;
- download publications which you can re-use and
- obtain software to help build and run a WARP.

This Toolbox has been created from the experience of other WARPs and includes:

Background on WARPs and general Toolbox information

Getting started - describes the business case, service requirements & project startup

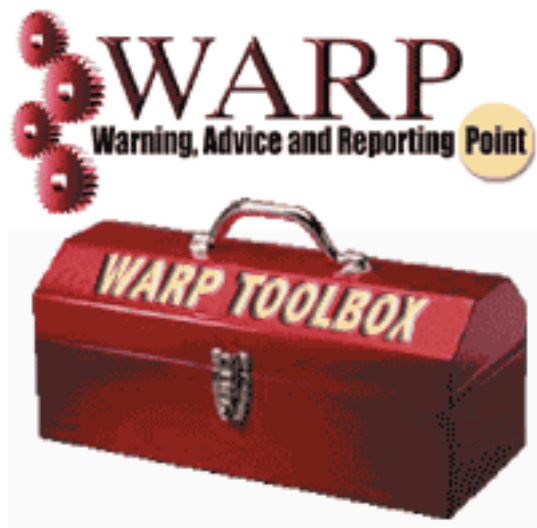
Building a WARP - takes you through the stages of developing and providing a WARP

Running a WARP - covers the operational running of a WARP, governance and marketing

Downloads - go straight to a Toolbox component if you know what you want

The filtered warning software will be available shortly for use in creating a WARP. Details of how to preview and acquire the software will be published on the WARP Toolbox website in July 2004.

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To access the WARP Toolbox go to www.warp.gov.uk

To discuss the setting up of your own WARP contact enquiries@warp.gov.uk