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Cybersecurity in the Food Value Chain: Survey to help Canadian industry players identify their cybersecurity needs.

Insights about the cybersecurity landscape and the potential role for cybersecurity standards will inform options for supporting cyber preparedness and cyber resilience of food value chain businesses.

The [Community Safety Knowledge Alliance](#) (CSKA) is conducting research on behalf of [CSA Group](#) on cybersecurity and cybersecurity standards for the food value chain. We invite players in the food value chain – such as farmers, suppliers, processors, distributors and retailers, service providers and those involved in research and innovation – to consider taking part in a new national survey.

In today's digital world, the food system relies on technology — from farming and processing to transportation and retail. However, as food value chain businesses adopt digital technologies and become more interconnected, they also become more vulnerable to cyber threats. It is crucial to ensure strong cybersecurity to protecting the systems that keep our food supply running smoothly. A cyber attack on any part of the food value chain could disrupt operations, compromise sensitive data, and even impact food safety and availability. Because our food system is a critical infrastructure and a key part of Canada's economy and global position, its integrity and performance also contribute to national security.

By prioritizing cybersecurity and knowing about the roles that standards, guidelines and training can play, we can strengthen the food value chain, protect businesses, and maintain the trust of consumers and trade partners.

“...this is an important initiative – cybersecurity in agri-food will affect the future of our food system...do consider participating” – Dr. Evan Fraser, Director, Arrell Food Institute & Member, High Level Panel of Experts for the United Nations Committee on Food Security and Nutrition

“If you work in the ag-food sector, please share your insights on cybersecurity challenges and standards shaping the industry” – Dr. Ali Dehghantanha, Canada Research Chair & Director, Canada Cyber Foundry, University of Guelph

“Getting cybersecurity right is a key part of digital transformation of agri-food and securing our food system as critical infrastructure ... help get it right” – Jean Howden, Livestock Research Innovation Corporation

About CSKA

The Community Safety Knowledge Alliance is a Canadian non-profit corporation that supports governments, organizations, communities and others in developing, implementing and assessing new approaches to improving community safety and well-being outcomes.

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