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I-STEP | Intermodal Security
Training and
Exercise Program



I-STEP Program Summary

WHAT IS I-STEP?

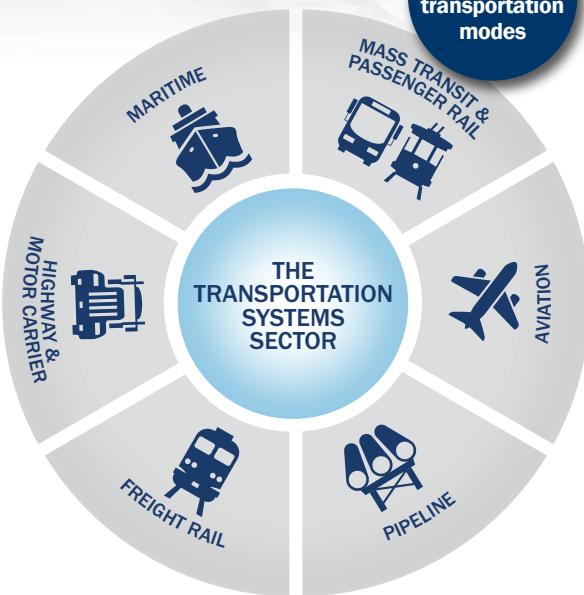
The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Intermodal Security Training and Exercise Program (I-STEP) provides exercise, training, and security planning tools and services to the Nation's transportation sector.

REDUCING TRANSPORTATION RISK

I-STEP is a federal exercise program focused on security in the Nation's transportation sector. Its mission is to enhance security and reduce risk across the transportation network. Working in partnership with transportation operators, I-STEP enables security partners to continuously improve risk posture in the Nation's transportation systems. I-STEP aligns with TSA's Transportation Systems Sector-Specific Plan (TSSSP) under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). Best practices and lessons learned from I-STEP exercises, training events, and workshops help shape national transportation security policy.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF I-STEP?

I-STEP assists transportation partners to build and sustain security preparedness to protect American travelers, enhance national resilience, and identify capability gaps and needed resources. Working in partnership with transportation operators, I-STEP enables security partners to:



ENHANCE SECURITY CAPABILITIES

Facilitated exercises and training strengthen industry security plans, emergency procedures, and sharpen skills in incident management

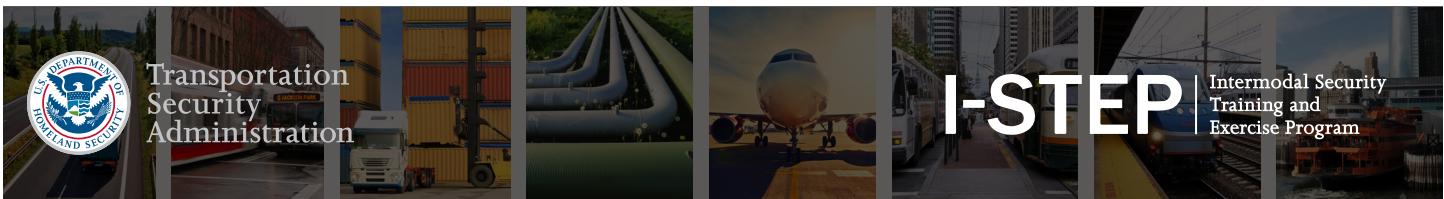
BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborate with transportation system owners and operators, their security personnel and emergency responders, local law enforcement and government officials

GAIN TRANSPORTATION SECURITY INSIGHT

Align program requirements with security strategies and gain a deeper understanding of transportation security lessons learned and best practices

For additional information, please contact the I-STEP Program Office: ISTEP@tsa.dhs.gov



HOW DOES TSA OFFER EXERCISE AND TRAINING SUPPORT?

TSA I-STEP helps transportation operators establish a risk-based approach to all operations to identify, manage, and mitigate risk. We provide two kinds of support:



TRAINING SUPPORT SERVICES

We analyze, design, and develop security awareness training materials and courses for security partners in the transportation industry. Our training program supports security awareness and identifying gaps which improve the security posture of transportation industry partners.



EXERCISE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

We assist transportation operators build and convene exercise planning teams with security partners to design, conduct, and evaluate intelligence-driven, risk-based security exercises to enhance security preparedness and resilience.



FULL SUITE OF EXERCISE SERVICES

TSA I-STEP has the capability to support management of the following exercise types to the TSS operators and other agencies as directed:

- ✓ Capstone Seminar - High level facilitated exercise to explore coordination issues between groupings
- ✓ Workshops/How to Demo - Conduct workshops to address new concepts and ideas
- ✓ Seminar - Facilitated discussion to focus on specific issues or problem areas



I-STEP Exercise and Training Services are available nationwide

- ✓ Table Top - Discussion type, objective based, facilitated exercise using a scenario to drive discussion
- ✓ Advanced Table Top - Facilitated exercise using a scenario to drive participants' actions through a series of injects that enhance or complicate the original scenario
- ✓ Drill - Coordinated and supervised activity usually employed to test a single specific operation or function
- ✓ Functional - Designed to test and evaluate individual capabilities, multiple functions or activities within a function, or interdependent groups of functions
- ✓ Full-Scale - Scenario-driven exercise with actual movement of resources and assets using injects and exercise event to drive participants actions and participant actions to drive exercise play and outcome

EXERCISE INFORMATION SYSTEM (EXIS)

TSA's premier online exercise tool guides government and industry users through the exercise planning process and provides resources to design, document, and evaluate exercises for all transportation modes.

EXIS Exercise Information System

Online Exercises / Industry Collaboration

Exercise Information System or EXIS is the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) premier online exercise tool that guides government and industry users through the exercise planning process and provides resources to design, document, and evaluate exercises for all transportation modes. EXIS ensures that professionals can easily access the latest information, news, and critical lessons learned. EXIS is managed by the Intermodal Security Training and Exercise Program and is the only exercise tool specifically tailored to the transportation industry.

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Key exercise planning components with a user-friendly interface



Guided user interface for discussion-based and operations-based exercises



Document development for use at every step of the exercise process



Information dissemination with users sharing best practices and lessons learned



Connection between users and the transportation community to foster growing relationships