

Partners in Protection

Protecting international trade
and supply chain security



Terrorism and contraband smuggling impacts us all. Through Partners in Protection your company can help the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) protect Canadians and facilitate legitimate trade.

What is Partners in Protection?

Partners in Protection is a voluntary CBSA program designed to enlist the co-operation of private industry in efforts to enhance border security. In addition, partners will help combat organized crime and terrorism, increase awareness of CBSA compliance issues, and help detect and prevent contraband smuggling. By working with the CBSA, your organization contributes to the protection of Canadian society and the facilitation of legitimate trade.

How does the program work?

Your organization will be asked to sign a partnership agreement, known as a Memorandum of Understanding, with the CBSA. Your organization will not be asked to act as a law enforcement body. The arrangement is based on goodwill and all information exchanged is treated as confidential. We will work together focusing on the following areas:

Exchange of information

Your organization can use its expertise and network to spot unusual or suspicious activities, and we can give you indicators to help you to identify and report possible criminal or illegal activity and minimize the cross-border risks for your organization.

Security

To enhance and strengthen your security processes, your organization will be asked to provide us with a self-assessment of its security systems. This self-assessment will help us identify any weaknesses in your security processes and will enable us to help you address any deficiencies. The goal is to minimize the threat of illegal activity.

Awareness sessions

We will educate your staff on risk. We will identify the things to look for as indicators of smuggling and other illegal activities, and on the consequences of non-compliance. You can demonstrate the efforts being made by your organization to secure the supply chain.

How will the program help my organization?

Participating in Partners in Protection means:

- improved security levels;
- enhanced reputation for your organization;
- improved understanding of customs requirements;
- reduction of risk through increased awareness of trade chain security;
- better communication between your employees and the CBSA.

Best of all, these benefits are free. There is no cost for your organization to participate in the program.

Need more information?

Contact:
Partners in Protection
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Canada Border Services Agency
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Visit the CBSA Web site at:
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