

PCI DSS – Know the Facts!



What is PCI DSS?

PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards) are a set of requirements developed to help companies protect credit card and other sensitive cardholder data. When these requirements are followed, the chances of a security breach resulting in sensitive cardholder data loss are greatly reduced.

All entities that process, transmit or store cardholder data must comply with the PCI DSS. Merchants are broken up into four (4) levels based on the volume of transactions processed each year and are bound by a set of requirements and deadlines that must be met in order to achieve PCI DSS compliance.

How to Become PCI DSS Compliant

All Levels 1-3 merchants are required to complete an annual PCI Self-Assessment Questionnaire and a Quarterly Network Scan by an Approved Scanning Vendor.

To Learn More:

For a detailed description of merchant levels of compliance criteria please visit
<http://www.visa.com/cisp>

For a list of Approved Scanning Vendors and Qualified Security Assessors please visit
https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/resources/approved_scanning_vendors.htm

Remember!

Secure processing and protection of credit card data are responsibilities of every merchant no matter how big or small. Criminals are targeting vulnerable systems and retrieving sensitive cardholder information for fraudulent and illegal activities. Organizations that do not follow these regulations are subject to fines, penalties and processing restrictions.

Additionally, your customers want assurance that their credit card and other sensitive data are safe. Customer trust is an invaluable asset to any merchant looking to maintain strong relationships with their customers. Putting your customers' mind at ease, by informing them that their data is safe and secure, will undoubtedly build their trust.
