

# ISCSWest 2026: Know Before You Go

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## Get the Facts

- **Event Name:** ISC West (International Security Conference & Exposition)
- **Location:** Venetian Expo, Las Vegas, Nevada
- **Dates:** March 23–27, 2026
- **Focus:** Physical security, access control, video surveillance, cybersecurity, Internet of Things and emerging technologies
- **Attendees:** 29,000+ security professionals, 750+ exhibitors

## What Is ISC West?

[ISC West](#) is the largest physical security trade show in North America, bringing together manufacturers, integrators, end users and thought leaders. It's where the industry showcases cutting-edge security solutions, trends and innovations. It is one of the biggest events of the year where manufacturers, integrators and end users are together in one place.

## Why Should YOU Attend as a YP?

- **Career Growth:** Learn from industry leaders and expand your knowledge.
- **Networking:** Build relationships with potential employers, mentors and partners.
- **Stay Ahead:** Discover the latest technologies shaping physical security and cybersecurity.
- **Professional Credibility:** Attending major industry events signals commitment to your field.

## How to Make the Most Out of ISC West

The lead up to the show is exciting—there are invites being sent out to clients and prospects, meetings being scheduled and sessions you can't wait to attend, and your calendar is filling up—and it is easy to get distracted. Take the time to plan ahead, talk with show veterans about how they approach the week and be prepared to feel overwhelmed when you step out onto the floor on Day 1.

- **Plan Your Schedule:** Review the exhibitor list and education sessions in advance. Use the ISC West website resources, including the [show map](#), for navigation. Schedule meetings with relevant partners and prospects well in advance. Double-check the time zones on your calendared events, whether you are sending or receiving them.

- **Network Strategically:** Identify key contacts—manufacturers, integrators and peers. Schedule meetings ahead of time, and make sure to have cell phone numbers of those you are meeting. Lunch is an easy item that falls off everyone’s radar when things are in full swing—this is a great opportunity to plan out lunches with those you want to spend time with.
- **Attend Education and Networking Sessions:** Gain insights on artificial intelligence, cloud security and compliance trends. Attend events like the [SIA RISE to Service](#) dinner, [The Advance](#) membership meeting, the [SIA Market Leaders Reception](#), [New Products and Solutions Awards](#) ceremony, the [Day 3 Keynote presented by the Women in Security Forum](#) and more.
- **Explore Emerging Tech:** Visit the Cybersecurity & Connected IoT Pavilion and Startups Area for future-focused solutions.
- **Engage on Social Media:** Share your experience using #ISCWest to connect with the community. The LinkedIn RISE community will be very active leading up to and during the show.

### Key Sessions to Attend

- Diversity Without Divisiveness** (highlights the evolution of diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and allyship) Monday, March 23, 2:30 p.m.
- Voices of the Field** (interviews technicians for real-world installation stories) Monday, March 23, at 1:15 p.m.
- FBI Cyber Crime Outlook for 2026** (features FBI agents speaking on prevalent cyber activity) Tuesday, March 24, at 10 a.m.
- Dual Thinking Leaders** (teaches balancing long-term and short term thinking for goals and leadership) Tuesday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m.

**Don't forget to register for [RISE to Service](#) dinner: Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Mercato Della Pescheria. There is limited capacity!**

### Can't-Miss SIA Events

- [SIA Market Leaders Reception](#): Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Soleia Las Vegas
- [SIA New Product and Solutions Awards Ceremony](#): Wednesday, March 25, at 3:30 p.m. at The Bridge (Booth #25059)
- RISE and Grind: Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 a.m. at Donutique in the Venetian
- [Protecting Data Centers Breakfast](#): Thursday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m. in Venetian 401/402
- [Day 3 Keynote Presented by the SIA Women in Security Forum](#): Friday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Venetian Ballroom F
- [SIA Women in Security Forum Essentials 4 Job Security Dropoff](#): Bring your gently used women’s professional attire to donate.

Don't forget to register for the events you want to attend—advance registration is required for most of these events, and they fill up quickly!

### Action Items to Help You Prepare

- **Register Early:** Secure your badge and consider education packages.
- **Book Travel and Hotel:** The Venetian and nearby hotels fill up quickly. You want to be walkable to make appointments easy to get to.
- **Browse the ISC West Website and Resources:** For maps, schedules and exhibitor info.
- **Set Goals:** Decide what you want to achieve—networking, learning or exploring tech. Share these with someone, a mentor, colleague or friend. You are more likely to accomplish your goal when it is said out loud.
- **Bring Essentials:** Business cards, LinkedIn QR, comfortable shoes and a portable charger...and follow Tristin Vaccaro on LinkedIn for tips and tricks on what to pack.
- **Follow Up:** After the event, connect on LinkedIn and nurture relationships. It helps to take notes on your phone when you meet someone new or specifically want a follow-up conversation. You will be talking and listening for several days straight, and names get jumbled or forgotten no matter how important they are in the moment.

### Top Tips & Tricks

- **Wear Comfortable Shoes:** The show floor is huge and you'll be walking a lot. In that same vein, bring some blister bandages.
- **Hydrate:** The desert is hot and dry, and you'll underestimate how much water you need. If possible, grab a package of water from a convenience store instead of buying it at a hotel or casino. Bring a refillable bottle and refill at the hotel gym—save some \$\$\$!
- **Lip Balm and Moisturizer:** If you don't use either of these normally, start to do it at this show!
- **Make a Plan:** Prioritize meetings and/or booth visits and build in travel time on the show floor between meetings.
- **Snacks and Gum:** Make sure to have a protein bar or an efficient snack on you. Also, no one likes bad breath...so travel with some gum or mints.
- **After the Show, Before Dinner:** A quick refresh is worth it! Splash water on your face, brush your teeth, change out socks, get more casual (if possible), etc...

RISE looks forward to seeing you in a few short weeks!