



Stafford Tech Center Houses PCI Compliant Data Center

Major credit card companies have made it mandatory for merchants and credit card processors to meet the strict network security rules that went into effect in 2005. Compliance with these rules has not been wide spread and, because of the recent breaches in security, credit card companies are cracking down and imposing large fines and preventing some large volume companies from processing credit cards at all until these new security rules have been met.

Stafford Associates is one of the first PCI Certified (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) in the Tri/State/Metropolitan area PCI Certification enables us to host credit card data from companies that are not currently certified.

What is PCI DSS?

Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) is a set of security practices set forth by American Express, Discover, Japan Central Bank, MasterCard, and VISA to protect cardholder data. It is an industry-established policy requiring compliance by all merchants and service providers that store, process, or transmit cardholder data.

Separate and distinct from the mandate to comply with the PCI Data Security Standard is the validation of compliance whereby service providers like Stafford Associates verify and demonstrate their compliance status. It is a fundamental and critical function that identifies and corrects vulnerabilities, and protects customers by ensuring that appropriate levels of cardholder information security are maintained.

Stafford Associates is proud to offer a fully compliant State of the Art PCI Data Center that meets or exceeds the PCI Data Security Standards.