



## Internet Explorer Upgrade Needed

By July 25, 2010, users will need to have Internet Explorer (IE) 7 or greater running on their computers. Please have any staff or users that are currently running IE6 upgrade their computers to a later version of IE by July 25.

Users can check which version of the browser they currently have on their computers by:

1. Opening their Internet Explorer Browser
2. Selecting "HELP" from the menu bar
3. Selecting "About Internet Explorer"
4. A window will open identifying which version of Internet Explorer is being run

If you or your staff is running Internet Explorer 6, complete the following steps to upgrade to Internet Explorer 8:

1. Contact your entities' IT support staff (if needed) to upgrade the browser on your computer  
Or
2. Go to [Microsoft.com/Windows/Internet-Explorer](http://Microsoft.com/Windows/Internet-Explorer)
3. Select the link to install Internet Explorer 8

The updates needed are based on three factors: security, speed, and obsolete platform.

- **Security.** IE6 is much less secure than later versions of Internet Explorer, as well as other browsers. The most recent attacks against Google, Yahoo, and other companies specifically targeted vulnerabilities in IE6, which led Microsoft to recommend that users upgrade to a newer version of Internet Explorer (IE7 or IE8).
- **Speed.** IE6 is slow. Of the browsers supported, IE6 provides the slowest and least rewarding user experience.
- **Obsolete Platform.** IE6 was first released in 2001. As an obsolete, non-standard platform, IE6 is a difficult browser to develop and support.