AN INCREASINGLY MOBILE WORKFORCE EXPOSES BUSINESSES TO DATA SECURITY VULNERABILITIES

U.S. business leaders are unprepared for the increased threat to information security that comes with a mobile workforce.

MORE WORKERS are using laptops, USBs and CLOUD STORAGE to connect outside the TRADITIONAL office environment

LARGE BUSINESSES
- Only 47% use a PROFESSIONAL DESTRUCTION service to dispose of their obsolete electronic devices
- 76% DISPOSE of hard drives, USBs and other electronic devices every 2-3 months OR MORE FREQUENTLY

SMALL BUSINESSES
- Only 37% wipe/degauss electronic devices IN-HOUSE
- 60% DISPOSE of hard drives, USBs and other electronic devices LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR OR NEVER

7 SIMPLE WORKPLACE GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF MOBILE WORKERS

1. Remind employees not to leave hardware or materials in vehicles, hotels, coffee shops or elsewhere.
2. Limit the type of documents that employers can remove from the office.
3. Encrypt all phones and hard drives, and activate passwords on electronic devices.
4. Perform a regular cleaning of storage facilities and avoid stockpiling.
5. Destroy all unused hard drives.
6. Regularly review your organization’s information security policy to incorporate new forms of electronic media.
7. Schedule on-going training so employees understand best practices for protecting confidential information.

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