

The Impact of the New Normal on Workplace Privacy: A Study of Business and IT Security Managers

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PROBLEM: Coffee shops and shared workspaces are the new "offices" for many remote workers, which is putting sensitive and confidential information at risk.



Employees working remotely went from 24% to 65% since COVID-19.





PROBLEM: In a remote working environment, organizations are losing control over the security of sensitive and confidential information.





65% of IT security managers say it is easier to protect data when employees are working in the office.





PROBLEM: Remote workers' exposure of sensitive information on their screens is a significant concern.



64% of IT security managers say they are very concerned that prying eyes will see the sensitive information on remote workers' screens.

51% say their organizations conduct training and awareness programs that cover the remote worker risk.

41% instituted new mobile device policies.

40% say their organizations require employees' home workspaces to be private and not allow others to be near the device.



PROBLEM: Not only are business managers working in shared workspaces, but they also cannot keep prying eyes from seeing their work.



Only 34% of business managers said where they work at home makes it possible for them to prevent others, including family members or roommates, from seeing their work.





PROBLEM: Employees are not concerned about visual hackers.

PROBLEM: Their organizations aren't pressing the point enough.



Only 43% of business managers say they are concerned when displaying sensitive information on their screen when working remotely.

43% 40%

Only 40% say their organization has increased its privacy policies since more employees are working remotely.



PROBLEM: Despite the prevalence of working in open spaces...



55% of business managers do not take steps to prevent others from viewing their screens. If they do, **67%** turn the screen

and 54% leave the room with their devices.



PROBLEM: The remote workforce is experiencing health issues.



On average they are spending 44% more time in front of their device screen.

As a result, many remote workers are experiencing chronic neck and back pain (62%) and headaches (54%).





DID YOU KNOW: Remote workers would like to return to the office.



49% of remote workers say their employers will expect them to stay working remotely.



47% would like to return to the office.



DID YOU KNOW: Post COVID-19, the physical workspace will be transformed.





66%

of IT security managers said more precautions will be taken to protect the health and safety of employees.





DID YOU KNOW: Most respondents will be comfortable traveling for business post-COVID-19.





Before COVID-19 51% of respondents say they very often traveled for business.



57% will be very comfortable traveling once again.

43%

say they are not comfortable due to:

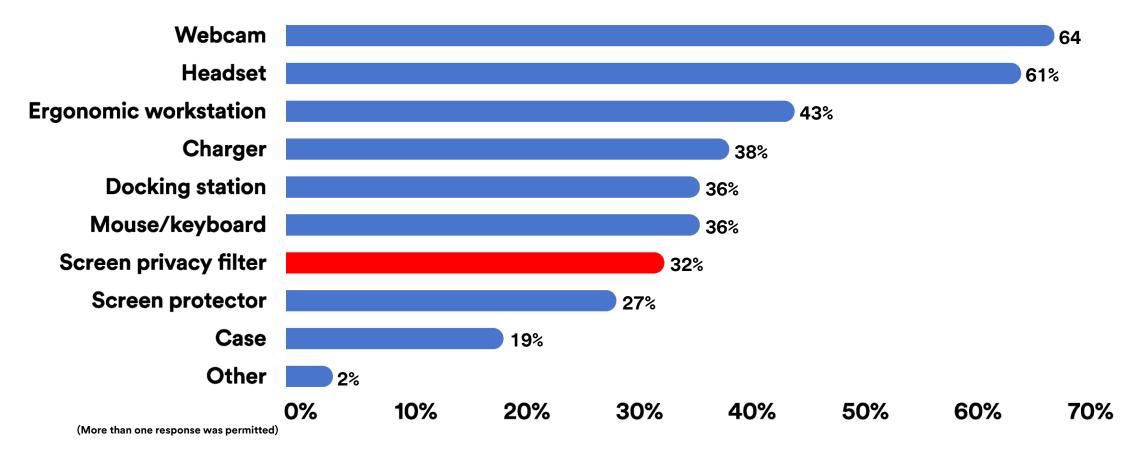
- unpleasantness of wearing a mask
- possibility of a mandate requiring vaccinations
- concern about becoming ill



POLL: What kind of accessories do you need for your primary device since starting to work remotely?



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