

Week 7 Discussion: Safeguarding Health Information and Systems

A new concept for some organizations is to allow nurses to bring in their own devices known as bring your own devices (BYOD) to use at work. What are some of the security issues you might encounter if this were allowed? How would you address these issues? How is this issue addressed in your practice setting?

What are the advantages of using personal devices for professional communication? What are the disadvantages of using personal devices for professional communication? If you were the agency, would you choose personal or company devices? Explain your choice.

Answer:

Many health care facilities, similar to many businesses across the country, allow their employees to bring their own personal mobile devices to use at work and then pay their phone bill. For businesses, it is often much cheaper than paying for a new phone for all of your employees and allows for a convenient blur of professional and personal life where your staff is more reachable at all hours of the day and night.

Bringing your own device to work is also extremely convenient for employees as well because it allows a person to consolidate their professional and personal life into one device, as opposed to having a separate device used for both parts of their life. Medical staff aren't the only individuals using personal mobile devices more frequently in the health care facilities, patients and their guests are more frequently using their personal wireless devices in hospitals and other healthcare facilities.