

## MOBILE DEVICE SECURITY STANDARD

**See Also:**

RCW [43.105.450](#) Office of Cybersecurity

RCW [43.105.054](#) WaTech Governance

RCW [43.105.205](#) (3) Higher Ed

RCW [43.105.020](#) (23) "State agency"

USER-02 [Mobile Device Usage Policy](#)

SEC-04-07-S [Non-Agency Device Security Standard](#)

NIST [Mobile Device Security](#)

NIST [SP 800-124 Rev. 2](#), Guidelines for Managing the Security of Mobile Devices

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) [Mobile Device Policy](#) (Example)

Purdue University [Mobile Devices Security Best Practices](#).

IRS [10.8.26 Wireless & Mobile Device Security Policy](#)

[SEC-04-02-S Media Sanitization and Disposal Standard](#)

1. **Agencies must select appropriate controls and communicate them through their [mobile device](#) policies and procedures.**
  - a. Agencies must encrypt category 3 data or above (See the [SEC-08-01-S Data Classification Standard](#)) on mobile devices per the [SEC-08-02-S Encryption Standard](#).
  - b. Agencies must implement controls to prevent the auto-launching of non- agency approved applications at the device's start-up. Agencies must perform and document a business criticality assessment and a risk assessment for any auto launch application.
  - c. Agencies must train users on security measures the user is expected to take to protect the mobile device and the public records stored there from theft, loss, or unauthorized disclosure.
  - d. Agencies must implement authentication requirements:
    - i. Require device authentication mechanism to access the device, such as a PIN, password, or biometric.
    - ii. Require application or network access via [Multi-factor Authentication \(MFA\)](#) according to the [Securing IT Assets 141.10 \(6.3\) Identification and Authentication Standard](#).
    - iii. For devices not assigned to a specific user where a PIN and MFA is not feasible, agencies must document mitigating controls.
2. **Agencies must ensure that all mobile solutions used for state business are equipped with up-to-date, currently patched WaTech approved [Mobile Device Management \(MDM\)](#) or [Enterprise Mobility Management \(EMM\)](#) software.**
  - a. Synchronization is controlled by the agency MDM or EMM.
  - b. Agencies must restrict app store downloads for devices used for agency business.
3. **Mobile operating systems and applications must be currently supported by the vendor and the agency must ensure they are kept up to date. See**

the [SEC-04-03-S Configuration Management Standard](#).

**4. Agencies must regularly monitor and maintain mobile device security.**

**This may include but is not limited to:**

- a. Conducting and documenting threat analysis for mobile devices.
- b. Employing enterprise threat defense, mobile application vetting, and other enterprise mobile security technologies.

## REFERENCES

1. [SEC-08-01-S Data Classification Standard](#).
2. [SEC-08-02-S Encryption Standard](#).
3. [Securing IT Assets 141.10 \(6.3\) Identification and Authentication Standard](#).
4. [Definitions of Terms Used in WaTech Policies and Reports](#).
5. [SEC-04-03-S Configuration Management Standard](#).
6. [Secretary of State Agencies Records Retention Schedules](#).
7. NIST Cybersecurity Framework Mapping:
  - PROTECT.AWARENESS TRAINING-1: All users are informed and trained.
  - PROTECT.ACCESS CONTROL-3: Remote access is managed.
  - PROTECT.DATA SECURITY-2: Data-in-Transit is protected.
  - PROTECT.PROTECTIVE TECHNOLOGY-2: Removeable media is protected, and its use restricted according to policy.
  - DETECT.SECURITY CONTINUOUS MONITORING-5: Unauthorized mobile code is detected.

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