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IT Policy 191 Mobile Device Usage  
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## MOBILE DEVICE USAGE POLICY

**See Also:**

RCW [43.105.054](#) WaTech Governance

RCW [43.105.052](#) Powers and duties of agency—Application to higher education, legislature, and judiciary.

RCW [43.105.020](#) (22) "State agency"

RCW [43.105.450](#) Office of Cybersecurity

RCW [40.14.060](#) Destruction, disposition of public records

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

1. **Agencies must implement policies and procedures controlling the use of category 3 and above data on agency-issued or agency-approved personal mobile devices. See the [SEC-08-01-S Data Classification Standard](#) [SEC-04-06-S Mobile Device Security Standard](#), and the [SEC-04-07-S Non-Agency Issued Device Security Standard](#). At a minimum, agencies must:**
  - a. Define and document the allowable use of category 3 data or above on mobile devices.
  - b. Review and update their policies and procedures every three years.
  - c. Maintain an escalation process for lost or compromised devices to ensure prompt compliance with all relevant governance requirements.
2. **Agencies must follow the [SEC-04-06-S Mobile Device Security Standard](#) for device configuration requirements.**
3. **Records generated or stored on mobile devices must follow [Secretary of State Agencies Records Retention Schedules](#) and public records policies and laws.**
  - a. Agencies must notify the State Auditor's Office (SAO) of a lost mobile device according to [RCW 43.09.185 - Loss of public funds](#).
  - b. Agencies must also follow Office of Financial Management requirements for suspected losses of public funds and property as described in the State Administrative Accounting Manual (SAAM) section 70.75.
4. **Agencies must follow the [SEC-04-02-S Media Sanitization and Disposal Standard](#) for agency-owned devices. Any device that is no longer accessible and the**

sensitivity of data is undetermined, the device is to be considered to contain category 3 data and disposed of accordingly.

**5. Agencies must address the following at a minimum in their Mobile Device Usage Policy and procedures and communicate that policy to each employee when onboarding, annually, and when revised.**

- a. Qualification Users' basic rights and responsibilities concerning mobile device usage for agency business, including privacy considerations.
- b. What kinds of mobile devices or solutions (if any) are prohibited.
- c. What constitutes a public record on a mobile device.
- d. The process by which the agency receives access to public records prepared, owned, used, or retained on mobile devices, including encrypted communications. See [SEC-08-02-S Encryption Standard](#).
- e. User responsibilities for the protection of confidential data, records, and customer information.
- f. Role-specific 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. See [SEC-04-06-S Mobile Device Security Standard](#).
- g. How to notify the agency if a mobile device is lost, stolen, destroyed, or compromised.

**REFERENCES**

1. [Definition of Terms Used in WaTech Policies and Reports](#).
2. [SEC-08-01-S Data Classification Standard](#).
3. [SEC-04-06-S Mobile Device Security Standard](#).
4. [SEC-04-07-S Non-Agency Issued Device Security Standard](#).
5. [Secretary of State Agencies Records Retention Schedules](#).
6. [RCW 43.09.185 - Loss of public funds](#).
7. [SEC-04-02-S Media Sanitization and Disposal Standard](#).
8. [SEC-08-02-S Encryption Standard](#).
9. NIST Cybersecurity Framework Mapping:
  - IDENTIFY.GOVERNANCE-3: Legal and regulatory requirements regarding cybersecurity, including privacy and civil liberties obligations, are understood and managed.

- PROTECT.ASSET 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.

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