



Lose personal data and you go to jail

Your freedom really is at risk if you don't take measures to protect information you use at work or carry with you.

Amendments to the Data Protection Act (DPA), section 55 will allow a two-year sentence to apply to those who negligently lose data, under legislation voted through by the House of Lords

Security experts at PIPAD.co.uk say the Act amendments are aimed at preventing losses such as; details from the Government's Medical Training Application Service that exposed doctors' personal details, and many other daily incidents of data loss associated with personal information from government, banks, hospitals and businesses, where un-encrypted information has been lost on site or taken off premises and lost or stolen.

Advice on how to manage the data you carry with you can never be enough, and now that your liberty is at risk it's time for you to act rather than trust to luck.

To act can be as simple as making a conscious decision never to take personal, client, employee, or business data with you at any time.

But that is not always possible, there are always off site meeting, case conferences or even international meetings to attend.

So protect yourself and those whose data you carry with you – ensure it is encrypted.

It is easy to do, simple for you to use, and extremely difficult for a thief or data criminal to access.

Laptops are high risk, they are highly desirable objects to steal, so don't keep sensitive files or information on them.

Use an encrypted PIPAD USB, data and files are fully encrypted and only you can access it.

Keep it separate from your laptop and you will still be able to perform at work while your laptop contents are being sold to criminals in distant parts of the world.

The incidents of data loss are exceptionally high, the penalties for individuals are now severe.

Always encrypt your files and data and it will be someone else that the Justice Secretary makes an example of.

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