

WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE A LAPTOP OR 'DATA DEVICE'

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Summary

What is this document about?

This advisory describes the steps that must be taken if a 'data device 'is lost, stolen or damaged beyond use **and there is a possibility of data loss or disclosure.** The range of digital devices in use is constantly changing as new technologies emerge but the term 'data device 'includes all digital technologies that can store data internally.

A data security breach could result from the loss, theft or destruction of a laptop or tablet computer, a USB memory device, optical media (CD, DVD), magnetic tapes or an external hard drive

Who is this for?

This IS Advisory is aimed at all staff and third parties provided with a University data device (laptop, USB stick, CD/DVD, magnetic media or external hard drive)

How does the University check this is followed?

Annual review of this IS Advisory will be performed to evaluate:

Who can you contact if you have any queries about this document?

Any questions about this advisory should be directed to servicedesk@port.ac.uk

1.0 If a data device belonging to the University is lost or stolen.

Step 1 – Write a statement

As early as possible after the loss or theft, while the details are fresh in your mind, write down the details of what happened (the Who, What, Where, When, How., etc).

Step 2 – Contact the IS Service Desk (ext 7777)

The IS Service Desk will be able to advise you further and take the steps necessary to inform relevant parties, make arrangements to replace the device and - if there is a possibility of data loss or disclosure - they will make an impact assessment.

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