Imprivata Knowledge Hub:

Device Sharing

What is Device Sharing? Learn about this term and more with our expansive website glossary that explores topics related to cybersecurity and access management.

<u>*Video Transcript:*</u>

Amy Koczera: Hi, I'm Amy with Imprivata!

Mobile device sharing is a practice that allows multiple users to access and use the same enterprise-owned mobile devices. Device sharing is particularly common in industries like healthcare, manufacturing, and hospitality. It is also common practice for when a bring-your-own-device policy is impractical.

Mobile device sharing is often implemented to streamline operations and reduce the overhead costs associated with providing individual devices to every employee. For example, in healthcare settings, shared devices can be used to access patient records, communicate with colleagues, and write case notes at bedside.

However, device sharing does come with challenges, such as ensuring data security, maintaining devices, and managing user access and permissions. Organizations need access solutions that secure shared devices without hindering productivity. Mobile device management software can be used to monitor usage, enforce security protocols, and remotely wipe data if a device is lost or stolen.

Additionally, many mobile technology solutions allow IT teams to track where devices are and who's using them, and update devices from a distance. This significantly reduces the cost and cyber risk associated with lost and stolen devices.

To ensure employees get the most out of these devices and that organizations maximize technology investments, shared mobile access solutions should use identity-driven access. This approach allows users to access their individual tools and applications on any available device, in a familiar workflow interface. The capability to lock down devices between users maintains privacy and reduces security risk.

The challenges of mobile device sharing can be overcome, and the benefits make it a priceless strategy in many industry settings. The right shared device strategy can secure networks and data while simultaneously improving user experience and productivity.

At Imprivata, we deliver simple, secure access for critical workers and third-parties to improve user productivity, reduce cyber risks, and put privacy first.

Contact us to learn more. Thanks for watching!