

Spotlighting Mobile Security: Government Workers Speak Out

The government has increasingly strict standards for securing mobile devices, but a poll of federal employees reveals notable skepticism regarding such security.

2018

JANUARY

Twitter users discover that a heat map created by the Strava mobile fitness app reveals exercise routes used by U.S. military personnel stationed worldwide.

FEBRUARY

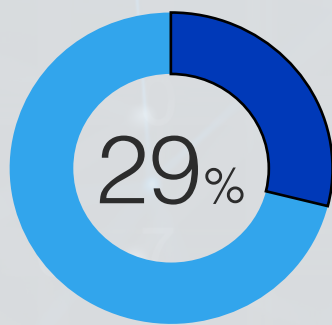
Federal Trade Commission publishes report finding weaknesses in the code of apps such as children's games and styling guides that allow hackers to access secure information.

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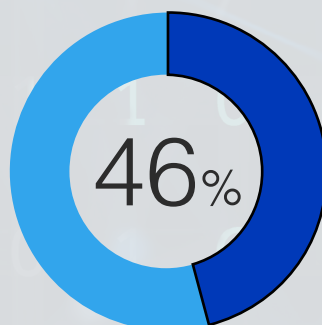
Department of Defense issues memorandum calling for greater mobile device restrictions among Pentagon personnel.

NOVEMBER

Government Business Council polls federal employees on mobile device security.



of Federal Civilians



of DoD & Active Military

are 'not very' or 'not at all confident' their devices are secure from attack or exploitation.

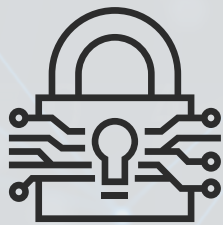
In spite of this...

59%

agree that cybersecurity of mobile devices is a major priority for their organization in the future.

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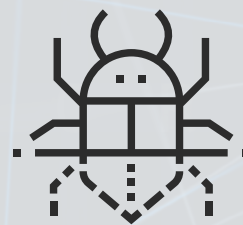
For the new year, federal workers favor these mobile security features the most.



Built-in encryption



Automated security updates/patches



Antivirus software

2019

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Methodology

GBC fielded a 3-question poll on mobile device security to a random sample of 156 government employees in November 2018. 57% identified as DoD or Active duty military, and 42% identified as Federal (non-DoD) civilians.

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