

1.5 million Brits confess to watching porn on their work device

- **Study shows workers are pushing the boundaries when it comes to how they use their work devices**
- **Men are 2x more likely to send explicit texts or watch porn on their work device than women**
- **Using social media (35%) and online shopping (25%) are just some of the activities work phones are secretly used for**

New research has found that two-thirds (65%) of British workers are being provided with a smartphone, tablet or laptop by their employer, but may not be using it as their boss intended.

Mobile phone insurer, [Insurance2go](#), polled the nation to find out what ‘extra-curricular’ activities Brits confess they get up to on their work device, and the results aren’t pretty; a staggering 1.5 million¹ Brits admit to watching porn on their work device, and another 1.3 million happily sext from their work phone.

However, sexting seems tame next to the 850,000 Brits who take, store, and send nudes on their work phone, while 2.3 million have used their device to cheat on their partners.

While using a work device for sexual endeavors is definitely frowned upon, employers may be more concerned to know that 15% of workers use their work phone or computer to hunt for new jobs, with men (17%) twice as likely to do so than women (8%).

Considering the more illicit tasks that Brits are undertaking, it’s no surprise that over a third (35%) say they use their work device for social media browsing.

The top ten non-work activities Brits get up to on their work device

1. Browse social media (35%)
2. Watch YouTube videos (27%)
3. Play games (25%)
4. Shop online (25%)
5. Book events (not for work) (18%)
6. Booked a holiday (17%)
7. Searched for new jobs (15%)
8. Facetimed someone (not for work) (12%)
9. Updated your CV (Not for current role) (12%)
10. Taken a selfie (11%)

Interestingly, it's those in Scotland who are proving to be the most promiscuous, with one in ten (10%) Glaswegians who own a work phone, using it to send explicit texts. Those from Edinburgh are committing the highest rate of adultery on their work device, with 11% messaging a lover rather than their partner. When looking at different professions, a third (33%) of those working in construction were most likely to use their work phone to cheat, and gamble.

The research revealed that there are a number of Brits who already regret using their work device for things they shouldn't; a 53 year old male from London who chose to remain anonymous, revealed "My boss saw my naked photos!" while a 35 year old male from Nottingham, who also remained anonymous, disclosed the time they "forgot the mobile in the toilet with some porn video still playing". To read some embarrassing stories from those who've used their work device for non-work related browsing, head over to the Insurance2go blog here:

www.insurance2go.co.uk/media-centre/not-safe-for-work-when-work-devices-go-wrong/

Gary Beeston, Sales & Marketing Director at Insurance2Go, said: "These days it's no shock that the nation likes to have a quick browse of their social media feed from their work device, but some of these other activities are definitely questionable! Perhaps this won't be a big deal to many managers, but aside from the risky nature of the activities people are conducting, there's also the worry around the cyber security of employees' devices due to dodgy website surfing, so it's something that might need addressing."

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Notes to Editor

The survey polled 1,002 people and was conducted by The Leadership Factor.

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¹Calculated based on how many adults are in the UK and how many UK adults who have work devices confessed to watching porn on it:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/articles/overviewoftheukpopulation/mar2017>

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