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Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs) in the Workplace

ITA is pleased to provide this information update as part of our commitment to support your information assurance efforts. Portable electronic devices are capable of collecting, storing, and transmitting data. When introduced into a classified space, these devices pose a serious risk. Please keep this in mind and not bring in any new portable electronics that you may have received as gifts over the holidays to the office to spaces that are classified as Restricted areas.

Portable electronic devices are devices with or without the capability of wireless or LAN connectivity. These include, but are not limited to, MP3 players (iPods), iPads (or similar devices), cell phones, pagers, personal digital assistants (PDAs) including Blackberrys, laptops, memory sticks, thumb drives, and two-way radios.

Many of today's PEDs capabilities include: Wireless telecommunications, infra-red and Bluetooth technologies, cameras, video and sound recording, etc. All of these technologies provide tremendous advantages to the user for both private and professional uses. However, the technology associated with these devices is advancing at such a rapid pace that knowledge of related vulnerabilities is frequently insufficient. This can put you in the position of being an unintended source of vulnerability and possible compromise.

To learn more about PEDs, review the Department of Defense Phishing Awareness training available at: <http://iase.disa.mil/eta/pedrm/pedrm/index.htm>

REMEMBER:

All personnel are prohibited from possessing or using any privately owned PEDs within the confines of classified, restricted, or open storage areas.

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