

Health Information Compliance Alert

Clip 'N' Save Tool: Help Staffers Combat Common Security Violations

Here are 10 security incident warning signs.

Would you bank on your staff's ability to spot a security violation? Don't gamble with your compliance program -- use this list to help your staff see through security scams.

You Could Be Experiencing A Security Incident If:

- your application's response time slows down significantly.
- your passwords stop working.
- a messages pops up asking for your personal information.
- someone tries to coerce you into giving over your login information.
- you notice strange files on your hard drive.
- your saved work is altered or missing.
- the date or time stamp on your work files change.
- you receive messages that you are almost out of disk space.
- your computer crashes several times.
- a computer that contains PHI is stolen from your department or home.

Best practice: Use the potential physical or technical security incidents you found in your security risk assessment to better customize this list for your facility's security needs, suggests **Fred Langston**, senior product manager with Seattle-based VeriSign.