

Health Information Compliance Alert

Manage HIPAA Security with These Low-Cost Basics

Even the way you set up your office infrastructure can deter thieves, OCR says.

It's important to keep your practice within the HIPAA Security Rule guidelines to avoid big financial and professional penalties. Unfortunately, office protocols and monitoring systems can cost a small fortune. There are some fast and easy tips to stave off criminals though that may save you a buck.

"Many reliable physical security controls are available at little or no cost," emphasizes the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the May 2018 edition of the Cybersecurity Newsletter. Take a look at these free or low-cost HIPAA Security Rule-implementation suggestions from the OCR:

- Privacy screens for laptops and monitors.
- Port and device locks.
- Workstation positioning.
- Secured spaces and locked rooms for equipment storage.
- Security cameras, systems, alarms, and guards.
- Signs that deter entry.

Resource: Review the OCR's Cybersecurity Newsletter at www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cybersecurity-newsletter-may-2018-workstation-security.pdf.