Difference between tablets and smartphones

Since tablets, at least tablets with 3G connectivity, also have IMEI- and IMSI numbers, they are also potential victims to identity theft. But since the tablets are generally used in different ways[[1]](#footnote-1) than smartphones, they might pose an even bigger threat if exploited. It seems that tablets are used as a replacement of laptops – which suggests that tablets are used for work and to handle more sensitive data than smartphones. Again, if a criminal where to only obtain the IMSI and IMEI numbers, he would only be able to use the victim’s subscription as if it was his own. Sensitive personal information is not vulnerable to this kind of attack. On the other hand, if a tablet is infected with one of the above mentioned Trojans, it criminals would be able to obtain vital information – especialiy if the tablet were used to hold company data. A smartphone on the other hand, is more likely to be used to communicate, where the tablet is likely to be used to actually work, due to the bigger screen, which improves the productivity experience.

1. <http://techcrunch.com/2011/02/12/10-reasons-to-buy-a-tablet-and-5-reasons-not-to/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)