

Preventing Lost Data

The Reality of IT Theft

IT theft in the office ranks nearly as high **23%**

as theft in cars/transportation **25%**

and **MORE** than in airports/hotels **15%**

or restaurants **12%**



Losing company data on mobile equipment through damage or theft can be priceless. The demand for mobile equipment is increasing which sparks a concern. While the majority of associates use desktops, many of you have laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. Mobile equipment is more susceptible to damage and theft; therefore, you should take these steps to protect both your laptop and your data.

- Never leave confidential data on your laptop
- Never leave your laptop unguarded in a public place
- Never leave a laptop bag on a car seat in plain view
- Company data should NOT be stored on your laptop and should be stored on a company network drive. Laptop hard drives are not protected while network drives are. This not only applies to laptops but desktops as well.
- Notify IT immediately after any incident

Regardless of the precautions, you take, a laptop may still get lost or stolen. So it's vital to keep the loss to a minimum by ensuring your data is protected. Check out the infographic below displaying where laptop theft often occurs according to Kensington.