[Company Name] Remote Work & BYOD Policy

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## 1. Overview

This Remote Work and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy outlines the guidelines and requirements for employees, contractors, and vendors who work remotely or use personally-owned devices to access [Company Name]’s information systems, data, or networks. It aims to balance the flexibility of remote work and BYOD with the need to protect company information.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

* Enable secure remote work and BYOD arrangements.
* Protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of company data accessed from remote locations or personal devices.
* Minimize the risk of security breaches and data loss associated with remote work and BYOD.
* Ensure compliance with relevant security standards and regulations.
* Provide clear guidelines for employees, contractors, and vendors.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to:

* **Remote Work:** Any work performed outside of [Company Name]’s physical offices, including working from home, at client sites, or while traveling.
* **BYOD:** The use of personally-owned devices (e.g., laptops, smartphones, tablets) to access company email, data, applications, or networks.
* **All Personnel:** Employees, contractors, and vendors who engage in remote work or BYOD.

## 4. Policy

### 4.1. Eligibility and Approval

* Remote work arrangements must be approved by [Designated Authority - e.g., Manager, Owner].
* The use of personal devices for company business (BYOD) may be permitted, subject to the requirements of this policy.
* [Company Name] reserves the right to deny or revoke remote work or BYOD privileges at any time.

### 4.2. Security Requirements for Remote Work

* **Secure Connection:** Remote workers must use a secure internet connection (e.g., a password-protected home Wi-Fi network). Public Wi-Fi should be avoided unless using a company-approved VPN.
* **VPN:** A company-approved Virtual Private Network (VPN) must be used when accessing sensitive company data or systems from a remote location.
* **Device Security:** Remote work devices (whether company-owned or personally-owned) must comply with the company’s Endpoint Security Policy, including:
  + Antivirus/anti-malware software.
  + Software updates and patching.
  + Host-based firewall.
  + Password protection.
  + Data encryption (especially for laptops).
* **Physical Security:** Remote workers must take steps to physically secure their devices and prevent unauthorized access.
* **Data Handling:** Remote workers must handle company data in accordance with the Data Classification & Handling Policy.
* **Acceptable Use:** Remote workers must adhere to the company’s Acceptable Use Policy.

### 4.3. Security Requirements for BYOD

* **Device Registration:** Personal devices used for company business may need to be registered with [IT Support/Designated Person].
* **Minimum Security Requirements:** BYOD devices must meet the following minimum security requirements:
  + Operating system: [Specify supported operating systems and minimum versions].
  + Password protection: A strong password or PIN must be used to lock the device.
  + Screen lock: The device must automatically lock after a short period of inactivity.
  + Antivirus/anti-malware: Up-to-date antivirus/anti-malware software must be installed (if applicable to the device type).
  + Encryption: Device encryption is strongly recommended (if supported by the device).
  + Remote wipe capability: The device must have remote wipe capability enabled (if supported by the device). This allows the company to remotely erase company data if the device is lost or stolen.
* **Software Restrictions:** Certain types of software may be prohibited on BYOD devices used for company business.
* **Data Separation:** Company data should be kept separate from personal data on BYOD devices, where possible. [This may involve using separate apps or profiles.]
* **Company Access:** [Company Name] reserves the right to access and monitor company data on BYOD devices.
* **Acceptable Use:** Users of BYOD devices must adhere to the company’s Acceptable Use policy.

### 4.4. Data Loss Prevention

* Remote workers and BYOD users must take precautions to prevent data loss, such as:
  + Regularly backing up data.
  + Using strong passwords.
  + Being cautious of phishing and other scams.
  + Reporting lost or stolen devices immediately.

### 4.5. Support

* [Company Name] will provide [limited/reasonable] support for remote work and BYOD arrangements.
* Support for personally-owned devices may be limited to company-related issues.

### 4.6. Termination of Employment/Contract

* Upon termination of employment or contract, remote access privileges will be revoked.
* Company data must be removed from all personally-owned devices.
* [Company Name] may remotely wipe company data from BYOD devices upon termination.

## 5. Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or contract, and potential legal action.

## 6. Revision History

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