

Hospital HIPAA Compliance and Print Services

Hospitals should take the necessary precautions for HIPAA compliance related to print services – copiers and printers. All multi-function devices now have hard drives that can contain PHI.

There have been cases in the industry where **equipment gets recycled** and ends up in someone else's possession with confidential information on it. You don't want to take on a million dollars of risk for a few thousand dollars of print services risk management.



Hospitals should consider not allowing any service company working on copiers or printers to never leave the building with a hard drive. The hard drive should be removed and remain in the health provider's possession.

Hospitals should also consider working with service vendors with proper certifications and other credentials such as....

- HIPAA compliant
- Data Destruction standards compliance
- Equipment Disposal certifications
- Business Association (BAA) executed agreement
- BAA responsibilities and compliance

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- Data Destruction: Onsite or offsite to meet HIPPA and HITRUST requirements, NIST, and DoD standards
- Equipment Disposal: Certified environmental disposal in compliance R2 and ISO 14001 standards
- Equipment Maintenance for all types of IT assets
- Asset management – inventory audits, automated asset tracking, software license management
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