



The Global Recession and its effect on Work Ethics

November 2008

The Global Recession and its effect on Work Ethics

This survey was conducted by Cyber-Ark Software- a leading provider of Privileged Identity Management (PIM) solutions for securing privileged user accounts and managing sensitive information across the enterprise to find out if the current economic market is having an effect on work ethics and data leakage. It was carried out amongst **600** workers on Wall Street, New York, Docklands, London and Amsterdam, Holland.

1. Are you nervous about the security of your job at the moment?

	UK	USA	Holland
Yes	46%	52%	71%
No	54%	48%	29%

On average 56% of workers are worried about losing their jobs.

2. How far would you be prepared to go to keep your job?

	UK	USA	Holland
I wouldn't do anything – just start looking for a new one	51%	45%	34%
Work 80 hours a week	27%	50%	37%
Blackmail my boss about his/her indiscretions at the office party	3%	15%	3%
Take a salary cut	19%	26%	20%
Buy the next round of drinks in the pub for the next year!!!	2%	26%	6%

More than a third of workers across the sample confirmed that they would be prepared to work 80 hours a week to keep their jobs and 25% would be prepared to take a salary cut.

3. If there were rumours within your company that redundancies were on their way would you try your hardest to gain access to the redundancy list?

	UK	USA	Holland
Yes	47%	57%	29%
No	53%	43%	71%

46% of the global workers interviewed would try their hardest to gain access to the redundancy list.

4. If yes to Question 3. How?

	UK	USA	Holland
Use my IT access rights to snoop around the system	50%	70%	15%
Yes – I'd bribe a mate in the HR dept	26%	36%	3%
Get my mate in the IT dept to snoop around the network	25%	54%	82%

5. If you thought your job was at risk would you as a pre-emptive move download company/ competitive information?

	UK	USA	Holland
Yes	40%	58%	71%
No	60%	42%	29%

Data leakage is clearly a real issue as more than half are prepared to download company information to gain a competitive edge in their next job.



6. And if you were fired tomorrow what information would you try & take with you?
(Tick as many as you feel relevant)

	UK	USA	Holland
I wouldn't take any information with me	41%	42%	2%
Customer & Contacts Database	25%	52%	31%
Product Information	11%	30%	15%
Plans and proposals	17%	31%	16%
HR records	6%	28%	8%
Access and Password Codes	13%	35%	15%
Legal records	6%	23%	4%
Other	2%	8%	9%

7. Is it easy to take sensitive/valuable information out of your company?

	UK	USA	Holland
Yes	29%	62%	54%
No	71%	38%	46%

Data leakage is an area that employers are very aware of as there is a definite trend especially in the UK and Holland to make it difficult to extract company information.

8. If you were to lose your job – how would you take the information away with you?

	UK	USA	Holland
Memory stick	28%	48%	31%
Email it to yourself	13%	25%	20%
Camera	6%	6%	4%
iPod	4%	5%	3%
Smartphone	4%	6%	6%
Disc	6%	12%	2%
DVD	2%	8%	8%
CD	6%	19%	7%
Online encrypted storage website	3%	10%	4%
Skype	0%	5%	2%
Print	15%		12%
I wouldn't	1%		1%
Memorise	7%		

Sample size per country:

Holland – 127

UK – 247

USA - 226

