

## Reminder: Official Approval is Required to Take DOL-Issued Devices Outside the US

**This message is intended for all DOL federal employees and contractors**

DOL staff,

Although the telework environment has expanded this year, our responsibility to safeguard Department of Labor (DOL) data and devices remains the same. All DOL federal and contractor personnel must properly safeguard and protect data, systems, and DOL-issued devices, including laptops and mobile devices, in remote environments outside of official DOL facilities.

**As a reminder, official approval is required to take DOL-issued devices outside the United States (the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and territories of the United States).**

If you believe use of a DOL-issued device outside of the United States is required for your work, notify your supervisor who is responsible for consulting with OHR's Division of Work Life and Engagement regarding the special administrative and technical permissions, approvals, and requirements involved in authorizing a domestic employee teleworking overseas.

Thank you for being vigilant to ensure that we as a Department are handling our devices responsibly and protecting our data and systems.

Sincerely,

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