

### **Wearables in the Workplace, are you Ready?**



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JP Norman, Head of Technology and Governance reports it may all sound a bit 007, but wearable technologies are within touching distance of consumers and therefore an imminent reality for the workplace.

Whilst it may be some time before we see a Rolex with a laser beam cutting tool, but with the announcement and commercial release of Android Wear, Google's own smart watches have leap-frogged themselves into customers' hands. Google Glass is yet to be officially released, but Both Apple and Microsoft are heavily rumoured to be working on their own wearable platforms, potentially being released later this year.

Wearables by their nature are meant to be worn throughout your day, monitoring your health and keeping notifications at glance level, including location details connected to smart phones (eg. The "Cuff"). If you have not already, you will soon find people bringing their own wearables into the workplace. With a new type of device comes new security concerns and unfortunately we don't all have a 'Q' to keep tabs on our technology.

The good news is that wearables will fit into an existing set of security policies. These devices do not connect to the internet directly yet, but rely on a connection with the user's phone, so a thought out mobile policy will cover this. Another area of concern is that cameras such as Google Glass could record employees without consent. Again, this should already be covered by a mobile or camera policy.

The conclusion is that even if you are not adopting wearable tech now, you shouldn't be surprised to see a smart watch or other wearables evolve. Check over your governance policies and make sure you are ready, as the wearable may arrive quicker than you expect.

And so to end this thought, I leave you with the conversation between Bond and the drug baron Franz Sanchez from License To Kill:

Bond: "In my business, you prepare for the unexpected."

Franz Sanchez: "And what business is that?"

Bond: "I help people with problems."

Franz Sanchez: "Problems solver?"

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Bond: "More of a problem eliminator."