



IT PROS WORRIED ABOUT Wearable Technology in the Workplace

In September 2015 [ipswitch](#) polled 288 IT professionals in the United States. The survey revealed that more than half of respondents, (52.7 percent) now have users wearing technology to work, a growing concern for IT pros.

MAIN FINDINGS

More wearable technology walking through the office door

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Wearable technology is not making IT pros any easier

IT pros' top concerns with wearable technology in the workplace:

- Security breaches (61%)
- More work to support more devices (45 percent)
- Decreased network bandwidth (36 percent)

Not enough policy in place to govern use of wearable technology

- Only 1/4 have a policy in place (24%) – while 2/3 do not (66%)

Most popular wearable technology in the workplace

- Smart watches like Apple Watch (46%)
- Fitness bands like Fitbit (42%)
- Health monitoring devices like Qardioarm (17%)

FULL SURVEY RESULTS

1. Do you have employees who bring in their own wearable devices that connect to company Wi-Fi?

Yes	52.7%	152
No	37.2%	107
Unsure	10.1%	29

2. What are your top concerns around wearables in the workplace? (check all that apply)

Security breaches	61.1%	176
Decreased network bandwidth	36.1%	104
More work involved to support more devices	44.8%	129
Unsure	16.0%	46

3. Do you have policies to manage the impact of wearables on the company network?

Yes	23.9%	69
No	66.3%	191
Unsure	9.8%	28

4. Does your organization provide any of its employees with wearable devices for work that connect to the network?

Yes	15.1%	43
No	81.5%	235
Unsure	3.4%	10

5. What types of wearable devices are connecting to your company's network? (check all that apply)

Watches (e.g. Apple Watch)	45.8%	132
Fitness bands (e.g. Fitbit or others)	42.0%	121
Health monitoring devices	17.0%	47
Recording/photography gear (e.g. headsets)	13.5%	39
Unsure	31.0%	89
Other (please specify)	13.2%	38

Wearable technology is yet another BYOD dilemma for IT pros. Is BYOD costing you money? Decreasing network performance? Hiding devices in use? Download our guide **"The Top Ten Hidden Costs of BYOD"** learn the answers.