

## How Vulnerable is your Digital Device

Everyone knows that security breaches are rampant nowadays. What you might not be aware of is the fact that apart from mobile phones, other digital devices such as hard drives, routers etc can also be used by hackers as points of access for cyber attacks. Here we'll uncover the three most overlooked digital devices that need to be taken care of in order to ensure that intruders don't take advantage of these loopholes.

**Old hard disks:** Hard drives that need to be discarded should be disposed off physically so as to completely destroy any sensitive data that it may contain. What most companies follow are traditional data removal methods which are not fool proof since they are prone to human error and do not comply with disposal laws. An onsite hard drive destruction service is the best bet if you wish to effectively and safely eliminate all traces of data from the hard drive, thus eliminating the possibility of a data breach.

**Routers:** If not configured properly, routers pose a threat to your internet connection and personal information. Intruders can not only log in to your network and slow down your net, but also gain access to your confidential browsing details. Make sure that you password protect your router and also turn off broadcasting to prevent malicious entities from seeing your network.

**Smart copier machines:** The new generation smart copier machines perform various functions including copying, printing, scanning, sending fax and emails. These jobs are handled by internal hard drives that archive all incoming data. These documents can contain sensitive data such as account numbers which can be easily accessed and stolen by remote access as well as extracting data directly from hard drive. In order to beat that, periodically overwriting the hard drive is a good idea. However, it may not be 100% secure. The most secure way is to simply destroy it once it's usable life is over.