

Hundreds of Laptops Missing at State Department, Audit Finds

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Hundreds of employee laptops are unaccounted for at the U.S. Department of State, which conducts delicate, often secret, diplomatic relations with foreign countries, an internal audit has found.

As many as 400 of the unaccounted for laptops belong to the department's Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, according to officials familiar with the findings.



LAPTOP SECURITY

- * All laptops must be encrypted.
- * A lost or stolen laptop should be treated as a security breach and reported immediately.
- * Don't leave your laptop unattended in public.
- * Don't leave your laptop unattended in a vehicle.
- * Keep your laptop secured in the workplace.