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Colleagues leave company passwords â€˜lying aroundâ€™
More than one in four British workers (28%) who use email or the Internet in large organisations know colleagues who leave their passwords written near their computer or where it can be easily found. New research, published today by MORI, calls into question efforts to create a more security conscious business culture in Britain.
MORI conducted the research in the run-up to its participation in the Ovum-led roundtable event Messageâ€™05 on 26-27th October at Londonâ€™s BDC where Alnoor Samji, Director and Head of Technology Sector Research at MORI, will be leading a session entitled â€œThe best way ahead - Post-it notes on the desktop, encryption, iris recognition or what?â€•. Joining him in the discussion will be industry members from Nationwide Building Society, the Royal Mail and Identum.
Samji says, â€œThe business implications of these findings are very serious. Can organisations afford to take such risks?? After all, they are only as strong as their weakest link. And it appears that far too many have weak links. Itâ€™s like having the most sophisticated locks at home and leaving the key lying around. Organisations need to get users on board, to understand the need for security.? Alternatively, they could police the situation.? But from the worker perspective, they could just do away with the need to remember complicated passwords.â€•
Technical details
The research was conducted throughout Great Britain between 30 September and 2 October 2005. In total, 483 respondents took part in the survey from across public and private sector organisations. Interviews were carried out over the telephone and no incentives were offered to respondents.

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