

# Physical Security of PHI



- Paper PHI

- Baskets/bins/mailboxes with medical records, patient labels, etc. should not be easily viewable or accessible
- PHI secure when no one is around (i.e. locking up at night when clinic closes)
- Transporting PHI (use of approved courier; should not be transporting without prior approval)
- Shred bins (shred vs. recycle); emptying personal shred bins into locked bins at the end of shift or at the end of the day
- Thank you cards; Culinary food slips; pt labels on food/drinks in visitor/patient fridge
- Copy machine, fax printers placed in secure/non-public areas



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- Electronic PHI
  - Locking/suspending computer or Cerner when walking away
  - Do not share passwords/credentials or have them easily accessible or viewable by others
  - Positioning of computers; Privacy screens
  - Unapproved cloud servers; forwarding of emails with PHI; texting PHI
- Other
  - Whiteboards (minimum necessary PHI)
  - Door keypad codes changed routinely

