TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

Think before losing a communication device as it can cause unrepairable damage



In 2015, around 43 per cent of the world's population, or 3,2 billion people, had access to an internet connection, compared to 2.9 billion in July 2014. A survey by Kaspersky Lab suggests that of the 12,355 people aged above 16 years surveyed, 14 per cent respondents lost their device and 12 per cent had damaged their devices. Among these people, 77 per cent reported loss or theft or their data resulting in serious consequences. Here is a break-up of those who suffered due to data theft or loss:

	Respondents in	%
Online accounts were hacked	27	
Personal/secret information found		
on the device and leaked	25	
Permanently lost valuable things like video & photos (not backed up)	24	
Disciplined at work because the device		
contained business data	20	
Financial details stored on device were stolen/exploited	19	
Cannot afford to replace the device or		
replace with something equivalent	10	
Other consequences	1	
None of the above	23	

not the respondents who accidently shared

oss of personal reputation	25
Lost friends	20
Bullying/harassment	17
Suffered financial losses	15
Medical issues/anxiety	14
Break-up of a relation/divorce	13
Affected credit rating/insurance costs	12
Other	3
None of these	7
Not willing to disclose	15

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Source: Kasperskev Lab