



## Clean Desk Policy

To improve the security and confidentiality of information, Clanmil Housing Association Ireland clg (Clanmil Ireland) has adopted a Clean Desk Policy for computer and printer workstations.

This ensures that all sensitive and confidential information, whether it be on paper, a storage device, or a hardware device, is properly locked away or disposed of when a workstation is not in use. This policy will reduce the risk of unauthorised access, loss of, and damage to information during and outside of normal business hours or when workstations are left unattended.

This policy applies to all permanent, temporary, contracted staff and volunteers working at Clanmil Ireland.

Whenever a desk is unoccupied for an extended period of time the following will apply:

1. All sensitive and confidential paperwork must be removed from the desk and locked in a drawer or filing cabinet. This includes mass storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, and USB drives.
2. All waste paper which contains sensitive or confidential information must be placed in the designated confidential waste bins and disposed of accordingly. Under no circumstances should this information be placed in regular waste paper bins.
3. Computer workstations must be locked when the desk is unoccupied and completely shut down at the end of the work day.
4. Laptops, tablets, and other hardware devices must be removed from the desk and locked in a drawer or filing cabinet.
5. Keys for accessing drawers or filing cabinets should not be left unattended at a desk.
6. Printers and fax machines should be treated with the same care under this policy:
  - a. Any print jobs containing sensitive and confidential paperwork should be retrieved immediately.
  - b. All paperwork left over at the end of the work day will be properly disposed of.

This policy will be officially monitored for compliance by the association's staff manager and/or the staff member responsible for data protection in the association. This may include random and scheduled inspections.