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KICK ASSET TRACKING UP A NOTCH

Imagine this scenario: You are leading a research initiative using hazardous biological agents that may prove dangerous or even lethal if they end up in the wrong hands. You open the storage refrigerator and realize a vial is missing. Panic sets in, and a series of questions races through your mind: Where is the vial? Who has it? Why was it removed? Was the removal authorized? You need answers to these questions, and you need them quickly.

Think about the types of assets or items your organization relies upon to complete its mission – personnel files, classified data, weapons, evidence, equipment containing PII. Do you have a similar need to tightly monitor or control these sensitive items so you know where they are, who is using them and when they are due back at all times? If so, Sunflower Sentry is a powerful tool to help you keep close tabs on the items your organization cannot afford to lose.

When Basic Tracking Just Isn't Enough

Our business environments are constantly changing and our employees and co-workers seem to always be on the move. While this is great for our business endeavors, it can wreck havoc on asset management activities. As our people move from area to area and use certain items throughout the day, we need insight into what they are using, when they are using it, and whether or not they returned it to the right place at the right time. Any inconsistency in these factors can cause serious problems, ranging from the time spent to track down an asset to information leaks and security risks. Sensitive and classified information cannot get in the wrong hands, just like weapons or biological agents cannot be exposed. But how do you ensure that your sensitive items and hazardous materials are being securely stored?



Sunflower Sentry captures the 5 Ws so you can control them

In these cases, traditional asset management is not enough; something more is needed when your organization controls items that require active tracking. Sunflower Sentry is a unique set of functionality designed precisely for these situations to help organizations, property managers in particular, get a more accurate picture of their sensitive items' activities. Depending on your organization's mission and goals, you could deal with varying degrees of asset sensitivity ranging from highly sensitive items such as classified computers or personnel files, to general use items like printers or cameras. Regardless of how sensitive or expensive, all assets require on-going tracking, maintenance and management. The difference in tracking methods will be dictated by how much tracking, maintenance and control is required.

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Tighter Control – Where You Want It, When You Need It

Sunflower Sentry’s check-in and check-out features allow organizations to implement extra controls or security restrictions and apply these controls to certain assets. Similar to the procedures followed by a library, sensitive or restricted assets can be “checked-out” and “checked-in” as they are used by members of your organization, and alerts and notifications can be set up within Sunflower to inform certain parties of asset events -- when items are in use and have been removed from their secure locations, when items have been returned, or when items with a return date are overdue. Similarly, when used in conjunction with expanding technologies like Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags and readers, Sunflower will be able to automatically tell you the who, what, when and where for your subset of identified assets at all times. Using RFID readers or badges, you will know who entered a secure area; Sunflower’s check-out functionality will tell you what item the individual is using, when they checked it out and when it will be returned; RFID readers can then indicate what location the item has been moved to or if it has been removed from the building; and lastly, with Sunflower’s check-in functionality, you will see when the item is returned from use to its secure location. The Sentry Solution is designed with those sensitive assets in mind that require more than traditional asset tracking.

Peace of Mind with Sunflower Assets

Imagine being able to collect data on who is using each sensitive asset, when it was last used, and for how long it was used. Not only will you have increased control over assets, but your organization will also be able to build metrics around the utilization of items and frequency of use -- information that could be useful for procurement and maintenance purposes. Obviously such tight controls are not needed for all your organization’s assets – it is not necessary or cost effective. But for those items where absolute control and visibility is a requirement, Sunflower has the solution to fit your needs. Instead of wondering where your highly sensitive assets are, find out where they are--and why--with Sunflower Sentry.

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