Top Social Media Risks and Concerns for Healthcare Organizations

Employees are using social media to communicate in new and innovative ways that can really benefit your organization. However, with this communication comes new risks that can damage personal reputations and cast your healthcare organization in a negative light.

Some of the risks of social media use include:

- Bullying
- Sexual harassment
- Financial loss
- Data leakage
- Discrimination
- Loss of productivity
- Potential litigation
- Electronic records retention and production

Regulations

Healthcare organizations are subject to a myriad of standards that regulate confidentiality, ethics, and other rules of conduct. Full compliance is expected and often enforced. Compliance often requires that electronic communications be monitored and preserved. Some of the important regulations and guidelines for archiving and retaining electronic communication are listed below. Compliance with these regulations will help your organization to avoid fines, sanctions, and other penalties, as well as avoiding the risks involved with email, mobile, and social media misuse:

HIPAA: Regulates health care providers’ management of protected health information (PHI), which includes medical records and payment histories. Organizations must maintain a record of all messages to prove they did not contain PHI, and any messages that did contain PHI were sent through the proper and encrypted channels.

The Solution: Retain Social Media Governance

Micro Focus Retain Social Media Governance ensures that your social media communication data is compliant with archiving regulations. The entire social media history is captured in its original context. This allows you to see message threads, view photos, and watch videos as they originally appeared. Retain Social Media Governance provides configurable rules that allow you to control the retention period of archived data. This solution gives you immediate and complete access to all your company social media communication data. Search, perform eDiscovery, and export social media communication data from the central archive, along with your employees’ email and mobile message data.

Retain Social Media Governance archives:

- LinkedIn Pages & Accounts
- Facebook Pages & Accounts
- Twitter Accounts & Search
- Instagram
- Reddit
- YouTube Channels
- Pinterest
- Generic RSS Feeds

Social Mobile Hub
- WhatsApp

Monitoring and Archiving of Enterprise Social Media Data:

Micro Focus Retain Social Media Governance archives social media communication data in one central repository. The entire social media history is captured in its original context. This allows you to see message threads, view photos, and watch videos as they originally appeared. Retain Social Media Governance enables you to monitor, manage, and have oversight on social media communication data, along with helping to ensure that your social media data is secure and compliant.

“As a health care organization, Health First is always undergoing some sort of litigation process and we needed to gain more centralized control over the email archives. Retain satisfied this requirement, and put eDiscovery responsibilities directly into the hands of Health First’s legal team. Retain lifted a huge burden from our IT staff, and provided instant results to the legal team.”

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Social Media Management Tools
- GrapeVine6
- Sprinklr
- Hootsuite
- Others accessing DS SMG API
- Brainshark
- Salesforce Marketing

Multi-Platform Unified Archiving: All messaging data, including email, mobile, and social media data, is archived into one unified archive. This gives you the ability to search, publish, and perform eDiscovery from one central location. End users and administrators only have to search one database to find the messages they need.

Rich Social Media Data Capture: Capture full resolution pictures, videos, GIFs, and other data formats commonly used in social media.

Retention and Disposition Rules: Control the retention period of records through customizable disposition rules. All records can be reviewed before deletion.

Advanced Search and Tagging: Search the archive by content type, date range, network, keywords, participants, or tags. Administrators and end users can create custom tags for messages within the archive. Custom tags for content make it easy to organize the archive and can be used as filters to quickly refine results.

Compliance, Monitoring, and Supervision: Content captured by Retain Social Media Governance is subject to compliance analysis using a patented policy engine. This includes a variety of out-of-the-box policies ranging from general policies such as inappropriate conduct and PII to vertically-focused policies such as those required for FINRA, FFIEC, NFA, FCA, IIROC, and other financial services regulations. Within each policy, any risks identified can be prioritized according to your risk thresholds, and further action can be automatically triggered based upon policy configurations (email alert to specific individuals or groups, as well as optional quarantine/take-down of the post from the social network). All risks are then subject to supervision within the moderator dashboard.

Reports: Retain Social Media Governance integrates with Social Media Management Tools to enable you to search your social media archive and auto-compose from historical content while maintaining compliant records.

Monitor Known and Unknown Social Media: There is a potentially broad volume of social assets related to your organization or brand which you are not aware of—but should be. Retain Social Media Governance allows you to identify unknown social media assets related to your company or brand, ranging from malicious or non-malicious accounts and fake social media accounts (for example, fake customer service pages attempting to extract your customer’s information, or accounts impersonating one of your c-level executives).
Retain Unified Archiving

In addition to social media archiving with Retain Social Media Governance, Retain provides unified archiving of all business communication including email, social media, and mobile communication data for case assessment, search, and eDiscovery. It can be deployed on-premises or in the cloud. This includes email archiving for Microsoft Exchange, Office 365, Gmail, Bloomberg Professional, and Micro Focus GroupWise platforms. Plus, Retain Mobile archives mobile device communication data for Android, BlackBerry, and iOS, including SMS text messages, BBM Messages, BBM Protected, phone call logs, and PIN Messages.