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A SANS 2021 Report Securing Cell Phones

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The concept of mobile device security is broad and affects users at every level. We'll start by exploring how users protect their phones at a device and/or application level and gain insights on how organizations secure their company-provided, enterprise devices. Security is more than just a simple device today, so we aim to cover the best practices for protecting your personal and company-owned data.

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