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## Corporate Services Working Towards Software Compliance

With 21 pieces of legislation to consider, it's little wonder many companies are unaware whether their business software is fully compliant with the law. FAST Corporate Services offers advice and training to help businesses understand effective IT and software management. According to a recent survey by PC World Business, almost half the SMEs in Britain are lacking any form of software licensing policy – and most are unaware of the legal implications of having software licenses..

Company Directors may believe they have control over their company network and data, but do they really? With employees spending long hours at their workstations, many often treat the computer as their personal property. It's important therefore, for directors to be aware of new technologies like ipods, PDAs, instant messaging, and flash drives - and the risk they may present. Establishing clear guidelines about what is acceptable can save an employee from unwittingly putting your business network at risk.

Illegal software accounts for a surprisingly high proportion, with current figures indicating a 27% piracy rate. Many companies may not even be aware they have unlicensed software installed on their network – often it's the result of staff downloading material online or inadvertently allowing a virus to creep in via their personal email. The law is strict on these issues however, and rogue software represents a significant risk to an organisation. Directors can suffer unlimited fines and even incur prison sentences. IT managers are personally liable for the software on their network.

FAST Corporate Services provides an education programme to the corporate end-user on how to achieve excellence in software and IT management, assisting organisations to identify and eliminate potential risks. FAST work with organisations of all sizes and across all industry sectors, focusing on training and education.

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