About HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act):

HIPAA (US Health and Human Services Law 104-191) is a statute enacted in 1996 by Congress to encourage national standards to protect the privacy of Personal Health Information (PHI). HIPAA Compliance, is required by institutions handling confidential patient records. The US Department of Health and Human Services issued the Privacy Rule to implement the requirements of HIPAA. This rule addresses the use and disclosure of individual’s protected health information, as well as standards for individuals’ privacy rights to understand and control how their health info. is used.

Deadlines for all Health Care Providers, including health plans, their administrators and their clearing houses, have now all expired.

To comply, a covered entity must develop and implement policies and procedures that restrict access and uses of protected health information based on specific roles of the members of their workforce. They must identify the persons, or classes of persons in the workforce who need access to protected health information to carry out their duties, the categories of protected health information to which access is needed and any conditions under which they need the information to do their jobs.

For all those who handle patient records:
Are they secure around the clock? Who accessed them, when?

Effective with April 2004’s deadline, those who access these files must be logged for later reference. Trilogy locks by Alarm Lock are HIPAA compliant by design, citing chapter and verse, below:

“Security Standards for Health Information (Public Law 104-191; Item D, Section 1173) (1) Security Standards. – (shall) take into account:

“the value of audit trails in record systems.” (iv)
• Get 40,000 event audit trails from the Trilogy Lock locally or at your PC. Know who entered what door by date and time and name.

“the costs of security measures;” (ii)
• Trilogy locks: Economically and easily installed in less than an hour, retrofitting any lockset. No wires to run. Use inside or out, including weather extremes.
• 2000 user PINs or ID Cards supported at each lock.
• Self-contained, battery operated. No keys to manage. Key override including your choice of optional IC cores.

“the need for training persons who have access to health info.” (iii)
• Easy to use with 3 to 6 digit PINs. No user training required.
• Keypad programmable for master, management and user code hierarchy, with lockdown, group lockout or individual user code disable – tool-free.
• With one finger, managers can add authorized users and/or disable any staffer or ex-staffer’s code in seconds, too--without delays and expense getting any keys back or rekeying locks.

To avoid fines of $25,000 to $250,000:
“covered entities (shall) provide records and compliance reports and cooperate with and permit access to information for investigation”
• Get hard copy records or store electronic files of up to 40K Audit trails and door access, example, door to medical records room A-M, by time, date and user. Query use with Trilogy’s handheld printer or archive at your PC using Trilogy Windows.

“Data must be safeguarded ... Example: securing medical records with lock and key or pass code, and limiting access to keys or pass codes.”

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