

## WATCHING THE WATCHERS

Better Late Than Never! Bill 88's Electronic Monitoring Policy Requirements

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## Presentation Roadmap







- Background
- Implications
- Your Gameplan
- Questions?







# **Background of Bill 88**

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- The "Working for Workers Act 2022" amends the Employment Standards Act on Ontario
- Applies to organizations employing more than 25 employees
- Requires employers to, by October 11, 2022:
  - Provide a written policy that outlines workplace monitoring
  - Keep it up to date when changes are made

## What does Bill 88 require?







- A policy must be provided in writing, either on the organization's intranet, or posted
- Must define the purposes for which employees are monitored:
  - Ensure that employees understand whether it applies to general or specific monitoring
  - Inform employees if their devices are being monitored

## Nuances







- This year, applies to organizations that have 25 or more employees as at January 1, 2022
- For future years, employers having 25 or more employees on January 1st of any year, must have a policy in place by March 1st of each year
- Employees includes probationary employees, trainees, officers, employees on lay-off/leave
- Count must include all Ontario locations, as well as temporary staff; part-time/casual each count as 'one'

## Temporary staff







- Where an employer is obliged to provide notice, it must also be made to 'assignment employees' (temporary staff) and notice must include their roles
- Temporary staffing agencies must also provide a notice if they exceed 25 employees









- Policy must state that the employer may electronically monitor employees
  - What are the circumstances of monitoring, and the purposes for which the data might be used
  - The policy has to include all forms of electronic monitoring; if no monitoring is done, the policy must say this
  - The date the policy was prepared and the data any changes were made







# **Implications of Bill 88**

## Application







- This is not limited to devices provided or issued by the employer, or to work being done at home or remote locations
- Includes many forms of monitoring:
  - GPS/geolocation
  - CCTV
  - Performance monitoring
  - Monitoring electronic communications (email, chat, web usage)

## Consequences?







- The Bill does not limit the kinds of monitoring, nor does it restrict the potential uses of monitoring (whether or not a use may not be detailed in the policy)
  - Complaints under the Employment Standards Act are limited to whether the policy is provided
  - Could presumably include they actually disclose the monitoring
- Quaere: Does this have implications outside the Employment Standards Act?

# Disciplining Employees







- Can you rely on data gathered for disciplining employees?
  - Is purpose of collection capturing discipline?
  - If unionized, does CBA permit this?
  - What formal notice requirements are in place?
- Should you rely on data gathered?

## HR Law & Data







- Evidence rules may exclude the info gathered:
  - Was the measure used necessary?
  - Was the measure likely to be effective?
  - Was loss of employee privacy proportional to the benefit gained?
- Guiding best practice is there a less intrusive way to gather the information?

# Relying on Data to Discipline Employees







- More likely YES can rely on evidence if:
  - o Improve customer service
  - Protect assets and network security
  - Enhance employee safety (e.g. missing persons case, high crime storefront area)
  - o For GPS in vehicles, for dispatch efficiency and track stolen vehicles
  - o In investigations to determine potential breach of law or contract
- More likely NO cannot rely on evidence if:
  - Performance managing employees where employee privacy interests outweigh business needs
  - No advance notice was given nor consent provided
  - A less intrusive option was available
  - In unionized workforces without express CBA permission

## HR Law Risks







- Constructive Dismissal claim in all provinces
- Invasion of privacy tort claims in all provinces
- Grievance in unionized workplaces in all provinces
- Claims under privacy acts in applicable provinces (not Ontario)
- Attrition & business reputation (← biggest risk)

## Key takeaways







- Doubtful whether the high-level, generic statements in most employee privacy notices/policies meet the specificity requirements of Bill 88
- Most organizations are only dimly aware of the monitoring they are doing
- You may need have a discussion with staff you didn't have before about what is reasonable to monitor
- If you don't disclose your monitoring (adequately), consider whether you can rely on the evidence







# **Your Gameplan**

## Game Plan







- Find out what monitoring is currently taking place
- Decide what to do (you have options)
- Publish a policy
- Communicate thoughtfully, and be prepared for questions from employees



### October 11

is 20 calendar days and **15 business days away** 

## What is monitoring?



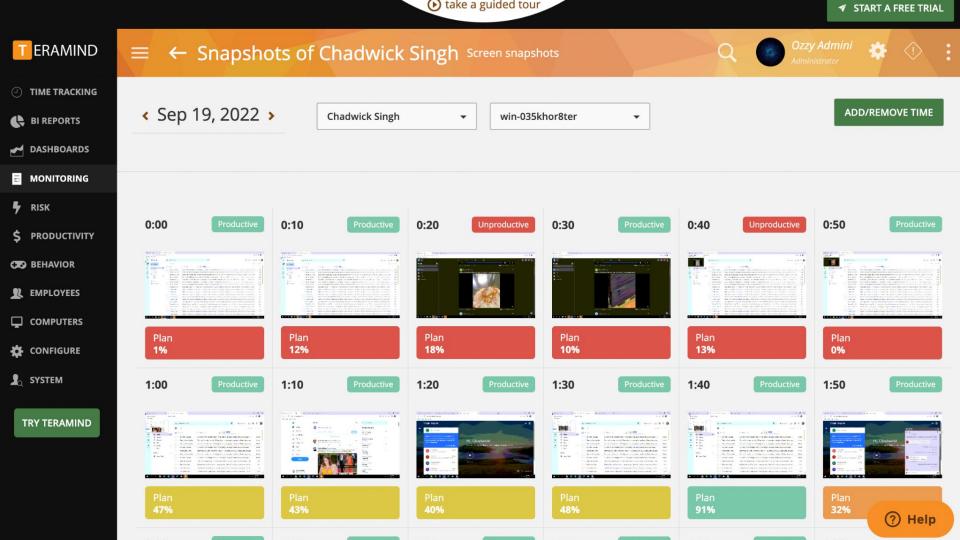




- Loss prevention
  - Using cameras and sensors to detect and deter theft
  - Using GPS devices to track the location of vehicles
- Security
  - Using Data Loss Prevention (DLP) tools to detect and prevent unauthorized activity
  - Monitoring employees' home environment to identify non-compliant behaviour such as others in the home, presence of mobile cameras
- Compliance
  - Monitoring communication of investment advisors to detect insider trading
- Productivity
  - Monitoring idle time, website and app usage
  - Automatically tracking attendance using badge access, computer logon
- Performance
  - Recording calls and meetings for quality and training purposes
- Operations
  - Fleet management tools to optimize routes









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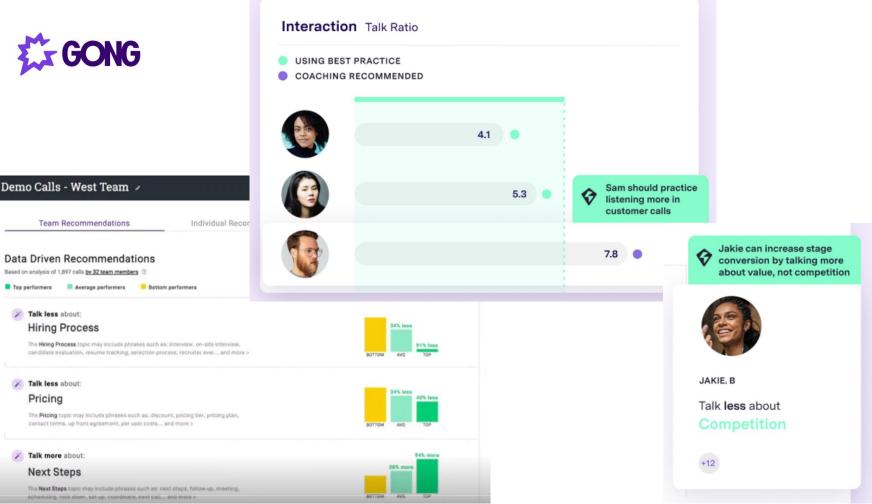
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Talk more about: **Next Steps** 

Team Recommendations

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#### Data Leakage Monitoring



#### Data Leakage Monitoring - Vulnerabilities that Could Lead to Data Leakage

Account	Anonymous	Authenticate	Bypass	Certificate
Credentials	Crypto	Default	Disclosure	Leak
Man-in-the-Middle	MitM	Password	SSL	TLS

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Data Leakage Monitoring - Activity with Potential for Data Leakage

Cloud Services	Cloud Storage	E-mail Attachment	FIP
Internet Messaging	Large Xfr TCP	Long TCP	Outbound to External IP
Outbound to Malicious IP	Peer-to-Peer	USB	USB Events

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#### Data Leakage Monitoring - Indicators

Confidential Data	Credit Card Number	Credit Card Number	Office File
Password	PDF File	Private Key	PST / OST File
Sensitive Data	Social Security Number	Social Security Number	User Info
Email Attachment	FTP	Client Data Leakage	Server Data Leakag
File Detection	Files Detection	File Download	File Upload

#### Data Leakage Monitoring - Top 10 Subnets with the Most Passive Detections

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Plugin ID	Name	Severity	Host Total	Total
4674	Flash '.swf' File Detection	Info	31	31
7137	Client Data Leakage Detection (Username and Password)	Medium	6	6
4677	User Credentials Stored in Cookie	Info	6	6
3963	.pdf Document File Detection	Info	3	3
4711	'.dll' File Detection	Info	2	2
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Data Leakage Monitoring - Top 10 Most Prevalent Events (Last 72 Hours)

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Event

Data Leakage Monitoring - Top 10 Most Prevalent Passive Detections

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PVS-Credit_Card_Server_Data_Leakage_Detected	19	44	11 11 11	
PVS-Social_Security_Number_Client_Data_Leakage_Detected	19			
iGuard-ACT-DBF_Leaving_Network	12		11 11 11	1
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iGuard-Compress_Attachments	10		11 11 11	
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Count Trend Data

# What monitoring activities are in place?







### Ask people!

- Most employee monitoring activities are carried out for reasonable purposes - set the tone and demonstrate you understand this by using a prepared agenda
- Expect (and respect/appreciate) reluctance to share details
- Help people double check
  - List of common software tools don't forget to consider 'Shadow IT'
  - Consider the tools as well as the features including free trials and 'beta' versions

## Ask yourself and your IT, HR, Operations, Security, Sales, and management teams...

- Does this spark joy?
- What is the goal or purpose of this monitoring activity?
- Is it the least privacy intrusive way to accomplish that goal?
- Is it working?
- How do you know?









# Think about the (natural) consequences







In addition to the legal and regulatory consequences in Ontario...

- How will your employees feel about it?
- How will your employees in BC, Alberta, or Quebec (provinces with privacy laws that protect employees) react?
- How will look on TikTok? Glassdoor? Twitter?



# Decide what to do (you have options)







- Stop doing it or adjust the approach
  - Limit collection, adjust settings
  - Brag about it! (put it in the policy)
- Keep doing it, and be transparent
  - Publish a policy in compliance with Ontario Bill
    88
- Keep doing it, don't tell anyone, and hope no one finds out
  - Understand and accept the (ESA legal) risk



# What policies are in place?







- Review what policies are already in place that may need to be synced up:
  - monitoring employees
  - remote working
  - expectation of privacy language
  - online/offline conduct
- Unionized? Work with the union to sync up Collective Agreement language (and expectations)

# Communicate thoughtfully







- Go beyond what is required by law
- Explain why the monitoring is necessary
- Share how employee's privacy is protected
  what are their rights? How do you control access to and use of the data?
- Consider providing alternatives, such as a company issued device instead of installing endpoint monitoring on personal devices



## We can help...







### **SWAT Team Service Package**

Meet with experts in employment law, privacy law, and operational privacy

Employee Monitoring Policy Template - customized

Interview Accelerators

- Pre-interview questionnaire
- List of commonly used tools that have monitoring capabilities

### Summary report

- What we found
- Issues & recommendations

## Thank you! Questions?







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