

Greetings All,

Some of our readers might not recognise the concept of the image below, but many will be very familiar with Maxwell Smart removing his shoe and making a phone call. Filmed in the late 1960's, *Get Smart* took a tongue in cheek view of the adventures of a fictional spy.



Whoever would have thought back then that we would be able to make phone calls at any place and time we liked, as well as being able to search the not yet invented internet for anything and everything? Mobile phones have changed the world in such a way that over the course of the last 20 years, it seems that this new technology has become such a normal part of our day – both at home and at work.

Being able to look at the forecasted weather, search maps for job locations and having a camera with us all the time used to involve an AM/FM radio, a Melways and carrying around a device that could only capture an image in time – we then had to go the chemist shop once the film was fully used and wait a couple of days for the developed film to return from processing. Job inspections would take many hours to prepare and would always require on-site visits. Today we can do all of that from the comfort of the 'office', whether that be at work, on the road or even at home.



Do we take that technology for granted? Absolutely, there is no doubt! For some people, if their smart phones don't have wi-fi or internet coverage, it's almost like one of their hands has been tied behind their back. But when can too much technology be too big of a problem, especially at work?



Safely operating a crane or rigging up loads is a big enough job in itself. Trying to update Facebook, check if your pay went into your bank account and jib down/slew left/hoist up all at the same time has the potential for disaster. Some people are certainly able to multi task, but when is enough enough?

There's also the other consideration for too much of a good thing at work. Every single smart phone these days takes amazing pictures and within the blink of an eye, what you might think you can sneakily get away with is bouncing from one side of the world faster than a Ping Pong ball at the world championships.



Be smart with your smart phone. Time and a place has never had such an appropriate definition.

Cheers for now and have a safe week!

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