



Don't Get Fired for Playing Pokémon Go

News

7.25.16

In the article, "Don't Get Fired for Playing Pokémon Go," featured on *11Alive*, Mike Elkon discussed how Pokémon Go players could put their jobs at risk if they play the game while they're on the job.

"It's especially important for hourly employees," Mike told *11Alive's* Jennifer Leslie. "If you're clocked in and being paid for your time, then most employers are not going to look too fondly on playing Pokémon Go."

"Employers could find that you're not getting your job done or wasting their time," he added. "It's obvious when you're walking around, playing the game."

"Depending on the situation, we sometimes recommend that companies issue smart phones and pay for the accounts so they own the devices and accounts," Mike said. "That way, they can control the accounts in the event that issues with the phones arise."

"Pokémon Go is so popular that this is a good time for employers to review and reiterate their policies that govern what employees can do on their personal and work devices," Mike explained.

Mike said Pokémon Go could also raise issues with workplace safety.

"The game causes people to wander into places they haven't otherwise been," he said. "They could end up in restricted areas. This is a good time for employers, especially with large facilities, to think through whether they have any hazards that need to be addressed."

To read the full article, please visit [11Alive](#).

Please reach out to our [Media team](#) for any news inquiries.

Related People





Michael P. Elkon

Partner

404.240.5849

Email