

# Instrument Disposal Guide

## Getting Started

### Out with the old, in with the new!

Making room for your latest instrument? Something's gotta go! When you're ready to sell or toss an instrument don't leave anything behind. Take some time to properly sanitize the instrument before selling or disposing of to avoid disclosing sensitive information.

Here's how to protect yourself:

### Selling an instrument?

- Disable credentials supporting the instrument (Service Accounts, API Tokens, etc.).
- Sanitize! Here's how:
  - Option 1. Request the Operating System (OS) image(s) for HMIs, desktop computers, switches, routers, etc. from the manufacturer and use [NIST 800-88 - Guidelines for Media Sanitization](#) to sanitize.
  - Option 2. Manually purge logs, data, and sensitive configuration settings from all storage locations

***Note!** Be mindful of what you're sanitizing/deleting so the instrument remains operational. Don't leave information about your network or data on the device!*

### Disposing of an instrument?

- Disable credentials supporting the instrument (Service Accounts, API Tokens, etc.).
- Use [NIST 800-88 - Guidelines for Media Sanitization](#) to sanitize.
- Pulverize it! Pick your favorite hammer and fully destroy the boards, memory, and storage.

***Note!** At the bottom of NIST 800-88 you'll find a list of common OS specific and OS agnostic methods used to securely sanitize hardware.*

**To verify your disposal practice and use of this tool, please email BIO-ISAC at [help@isac.bio](mailto:help@isac.bio).**