Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is Lenovo Smart Lock Services?
Lenovo Smart Lock Services, powered by Absolute®, is a cloud-based security software that helps secure your PC and helps you locate, lock, delete data, and recover your stolen device. By activating this feature on your device, you can remotely lock your PC, help prevent unauthorized access, delete sensitive data, and display a custom message on the screen to help locate or recover your device.

2. How can I track the location of my PC?
The Locate feature in Lenovo Smart Lock Services enables you to track and locate the last known location of your Lenovo PC through a web browser or mobile app. Based on the available data collected directly from the location sensors on your device, Lenovo Smart Lock attempts to determine your device’s location based on several related technologies, including GPS, operating system location sensors, and Wi-Fi triangulation.

3. What is the Lock feature and when should I use it?
The Lock feature in Lenovo Smart Lock Services enables you to remotely lock your device and prevents any unauthorized access to your PC in case it has gone missing. You can also set up a lock code and display a customized lock message to be displayed on your PC.

4. What is the Data Wipe feature and when should I use it?
The Data Wipe feature in Lenovo Smart Lock Services is a remote data-delete feature. When activated it will permanently erase files from a registered device, thus protecting your personal information and helping prevent identity theft. We recommend deploying a data wipe in cases where highly sensitive data is at risk.

5. How can Lenovo Smart Lock Services help recover my stolen or missing PC?
We leverage Absolute’s acclaimed Investigations team who works with the local law enforcement to help get your device back. When the stolen device connects to the internet, Absolute’s investigations team will deploy patented forensic tools to the device to collect evidence and assemble an evidence package. They will then work with the local law enforcement on an ongoing basis to try and determine the stolen device's location, which they may then retrieve. Finally, we will ship the recovered device back to you. Absolute’s Investigations team will track your stolen PC for 1 year from the date the theft was reported.

6. What personal data does Lenovo Smart Lock Services collect?
Lenovo Smart Lock scans and reports the following data:
- Location data: Gathered from OS location APIs, Wi-Fi triangulation, and if available, GPS.
- Hardware identifiers: Serial number, MAC address and device name.
- Antivirus information: Name, version and install date

No personal data, for example name, telephone, or browsing history, is collected at any time. Email is used only during the activation process, and when accessing the app.

7. My device has been stolen. How do I report a theft and use Lenovo Smart Lock Services?
To report the theft of your device, please follow the below steps:
1. Report the theft to your local police and obtain a police file number. Please note that this police file number is required as we cannot take any action without it.
2. Contact Absolute’s Theft Reporting Support Department to report the theft. Alternatively, you may log into your account at https://lenovo.absolute.com/ and click on the recover tab to submit an online theft report.

8. Are you able to recover my stolen device in any country?
We can track a stolen device almost anywhere in the world. However, our recovery process relies on the cooperation and resources of the local law enforcement. We can only warrant for recovery within guaranteed territories: USA, Canada, United Kingdom, and Australia.
9. What are the criteria for Service Guarantee eligibility?

The Service Guarantee is an option available within Lenovo Smart Lock Services and under the terms of this option, if a device is stolen and we are not able to recover it within 60 days, you may be eligible for a payment of up to $2000 in your local currency. However, you must satisfy the below criteria:

- The theft must have occurred within a Service Guarantee territory: Canada, USA, United Kingdom, and Australia. If the laptop was stolen outside of our Service Guarantee territory, you will not qualify for the Service Guarantee.
- You need to submit a copy of the proof of PC purchase to the Absolute’s Investigations team so that they can verify and calculate the correct reimbursement value for a Service Guarantee payment.
- A Police Report must also be provided. Absolute’s team will require the police report information to be provided to them within a certain period of time as this information is critical to the success of the investigation and to the recovery of your PC. Without the police report we cannot begin our investigation efforts with the local authorities, and therefore our chances of successfully recovering a stolen device are reduced.
- A Service Guarantee payment is not eligible if there has been a successful theft recovery, or if the successful launch of a locking operation or data delete operation (of any type) has taken place on the customer device in question within a Service Guarantee period. The applicable Service Guarantee will be deemed to have been fulfilled and the customer will not be eligible for a Service Guarantee payment.

Limitations apply; please see link for the full terms and conditions of the Service Guarantee.

10. Does the location of theft influence the Service Guarantee?

Yes, our current Service Guarantee territories include Canada, USA, United Kingdom and Australia. If the device was stolen outside of our Service Guarantee territories, you will not qualify for the Service Guarantee.

11. How long is the Service Guarantee period?

Once purchased, your Service Guarantee period will commence from the date of the Theft Report and will end 60 days after.

12. Do I have a Service Guarantee for my data on my stolen PC?

The Service Guarantee aims only to get your device back to you. There is no damage protection or guarantee for your data stored on the device.

13. If I request a data wipe on my stolen device, does the Service Guarantee still apply?

If a data wipe function is applied on the stolen device, the Service Guarantee will be in effect only until the device connects to the internet. Once the data delete launches (starts deleting data from your hard drive), the Service Guarantee will become void.

14. If the attempt to recover my stolen device is unsuccessful, when will I receive my Service Guarantee payment?

Provided you meet all of the eligibility criteria, when the 60-day guarantee period expires you will receive an email from Absolute’s team that will include a submission form. This form, along with any other requested documents, will need to be sent across to Absolute. Payment will be sent within 30 days of receiving the paperwork.

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Lenovo Smart Lock Services is not a monitored security system and does not store any personal information of the user such as location, or personal data.

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