

# 'Our security must always come first': UK latest country to ban TikTok from government devices

Chinese-owned social media app TikTok has been banned from government devices in the United Kingdom, it was announced on Thursday.

The ban is effective immediately and includes phones used by government ministers and civil servants, according to a statement given to the UK's House of Commons by Oliver Dowden, the Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office.

"This is a precautionary move. We know that there is already limited use of TikTok across government, but it is also good cyber hygiene," the minister said in his address to MPs.

ByteDance, the company which owns TikTok, has been accused of handing users' data to the Chinese government. The company has strongly denied this.

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