

Externally-Mobile, Interactive Work Pattern

Having an externally-mobile, interactive work pattern means that you spend over ¼ of the total working hours working outside the office and over half of the time you spend in a private office or a workstation is taken up by interacting with others over the phone or in-person.

People who tend to have the externally-mobile, interactive work pattern include many executive managers, sales and marketing staff, and management consultants.

Given the amount of time people with this work pattern tend to spend outside the office, their assigned individual workspaces tend to be under-utilized. Therefore, instead of assigned offices or workstations, they are often provided with access to unassigned workstations, shared offices, and a variety of support workspaces.

Workplace attributes that are often desirable to people with this work pattern include:

- Access to a variety of work settings in the office for a broad range of activities—impromptu interactions, scheduled meetings, conference calls, and heads-down work
- Access to shared offices or workstations that support 2 or 3 person meetings or working side-by-side
- Mobile storage units or lockers for those without assigned individual workspaces
- Mobile technology and infrastructure for working anywhere and anytime—laptops, power and data outlets everywhere in the office, VOIP phones, blackberries, VNP, etc.

