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ACCESS CONTROL:

5 Industries That Could Benefit From Mobile Credentials

In recent years, mobile credentials have revolutionized the access control industry, changing how we secure and manage entry to buildings and facilities. As we increasingly rely on smartphones for everyday activities, mobile credentials offer significant advantages, including enhanced security, cost savings, and an improved user experience. Explore the many benefits that apply to various industries such as multi-family residences, school campuses, healthcare facilities, fitness centers, and commercial spaces.

Multi-Family Residences

For multi-family residences, mobile credentials offer residents a seamless, secure way to access their homes and shared amenities while streamlining property management. Traditional keys are often lost or stolen, posing significant security risks. Mobile credentials address these challenges head-on, allowing property managers to issue and revoke credentials remotely, saving time, cost, and administrative overhead.

All residents need is their smartphone for access, which allows instant entry upon move-in and immediate deactivation when they move out. Mobile credentials are also helpful in handling guest access and tours, where the property can give temporary access with just a few taps on a mobile app.

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Schools & University Campuses

On school and university campuses, managing secured access to residence halls, classrooms, and recreational facilities for thousands of students and staff can be a challenge. Mobile credentials simplify this process, offering a seamless and cost-effective solution. They're also particularly convenient for younger users already using their mobile devices for all sorts of daily tasks. Institutions can integrate mobile access credentials with various campus services like meal plans and library access for a seamless user experience.

Aside from being convenient, mobile-first systems offer cost savings by eliminating the need to distribute and replace physical keys, fobs, and access cards. This is particularly beneficial for large organizations such as universities. Mobile credentials resolve this issue. Additionally, mobile credentials are encrypted, providing heightened security compared to easily duplicated traditional low-frequency access cards.
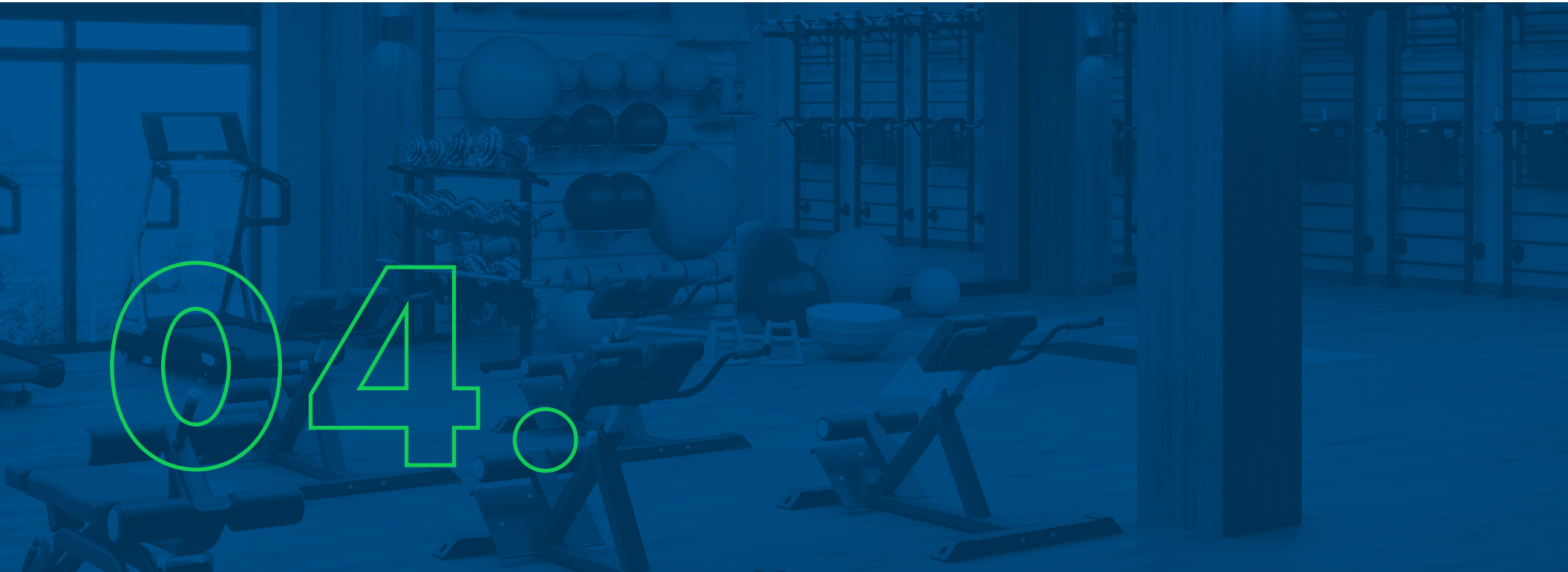
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Healthcare Facilities

Healthcare facilities require high-level security measures to protect sensitive information, secure medications and equipment, and ensure the safety of patients and staff. Mobile credentials are the ideal solution for access control in medical environments, as they reduce physical contact and the risk of contamination, helping to maintain stringent hygiene standards.

It's also important to consider the management aspect of medical offices and hospitals. Staff are constantly rotating, and at times, new or traveling personnel need quick, secure access to specific areas. This makes it challenging to track down the staff who need access and get them a physical card or key. With mobile credentials, access is sent instantly to their mobile device when needed. Mobile credentials can be programmed with the appropriate access levels and issued on the fly, ensuring that doctors, nurses, and vendors have access immediately upon arrival.

Fitness Centers

Whether a locally owned studio or a corporate giant, fitness centers hinge on providing their members with a seamless, secure experience. Gym-goers often dislike carrying extra items like keys or cards. With mobile credentials, members can use their phone, which they already carry, to access the facility. Fitness centers can control access to different areas, including exterior doors, group class studios, and other premium amenities.

Investing in a mobile-first solution also helps gym owners ensure that only people with memberships have access. Cloud-based access control also allows fitness centers to track who accessed the facility and at what time, providing better security and management. Mobile credentials are a secure, convenient way to instantly give prospective members or guests temporary access whenever they need it.

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Commercial Enterprises

For commercial enterprises, often with thousands of personnel, mobile credentials offer an efficient, modern solution for managing employee access to office buildings, manufacturing facilities, and other secure areas. Employees, temporary contractors, and vendors can use their smart devices for access, eliminating the hassle of physical credentials and improving security while streamlining management processes.

Mobile credentials are a flexible solution for organizations with multiple locations. They allow teams to manage access permissions across sites remotely from corporate headquarters or on the go. System administrators can make instant changes to permissions based on varying employee roles, ensuring that users only have access to areas relevant to their role. Moreover, organizations can integrate mobile credentials with other enterprise systems, like time and attendance tracking, to create a comprehensive security and management solution.

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The complete adoption of mobile access credentials has a long way to go. However, as cloud-based access control systems become more widespread, organizations switching to mobile solutions are expected to grow, especially with the development of NFC technology. As older legacy systems are phased out, the popularity of mobile credentials will, in turn, increase, driving a shift toward modern, flexible solutions.

Mobile credentials offer serious advantages, from improved security and hygiene in healthcare to enhanced convenience and cost savings in multi-family residences and educational institutions. As mobile technology continues to evolve, the security industry can expect even more widespread adoption and for organizations across the globe to reap the benefits. Embrace the future of access control with mobile credentials and unlock the potential for enhanced security and convenience in your industry.

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