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Residence Hall Acceptable Use Policy

Scope

The policy applies to all students, employees, temporary employees, contractors, and consultants who use Information Technology resources, including but not limited to, wired network access, wireless access, and computer labs, in all on-campus residences.

Policy Statement

ACCEPTABLE USE OF RESIDENTIAL NETWORK

The following regulations apply to the use of the residential computing network:

- Network services and wiring may not be modified or extended beyond the area of their intended use. This applies to all network wiring, hardware, data jacks, and lab equipment.
- The residential network, including wired, wireless and lab connections, may not be used to provide UNK network or Internet access to anyone outside of the

University community for any purposes other than those that are in direct support of the academic mission of the University.

- UNK-specific or commercially obtained network resources may not be retransmitted outside of the University community.
- The residential network is a shared resource. Thus, network use or applications which inhibit or interfere with the use of the network by others are not permitted.
- Use of the residential network must comply with the Guidelines for the Use of Information Technology Resources at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Executive Memorandum 16, the Policy for Responsible Use of University Computers and Information Systems. (Links are provided under "Related University Policies.")
- Forgery or other misrepresentation of one's identity via electronic or any other form of communication is prohibited.
- Residents are responsible for any use of their wired network connection and for wireless connectivity of personally owned or university-assigned devices.
- The University of Nebraska at Kearney reserves the right to manage the use of the wireless spectrum within campus boundaries. Wireless devices that interfere with the operation of centrally managed University systems must be disconnected when requested.
- Servers are not allowed on the residential network unless a written request from a faculty member for a specific academic purpose is approved by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technology or designee.

COMPUTER LAB ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Residential Computer Labs are provided as productive work and study environments for members of the residence hall community. The primary use of these resources is for work related to academics. All other uses are considered secondary.

Specifically,

- The residential computer labs in each hall are strictly for the use of the hall's residents.
- Academic work by students takes precedence over all other uses of the lab computers.
- Anyone engaged in an activity or use of the lab computers which hampers or interferes with the ability of other students to do academic work may be asked to quit the activity and/or leave the lab by other users. Examples include excessive computer volume, loud conversation, and disruptive behavior.
- Food and drink are not permitted in any lab. Smoking is prohibited throughout all University buildings.
- Unlawful copying of software is not permitted.

Problems or violations of any sort regarding the use of the computer labs or residential network should be reported to the Hall Director or the Information Technology Services Helpdesk.

OVERALL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICIES

The Guidelines for the Use of Information Technology Resources at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Executive Memorandum 16, the Policy for Responsible Use of University Computers and Information Systems govern the use of computing and network resources within the residence halls. (Links are provided under "Related Information.")

PENALTIES

The University of Nebraska at Kearney views misuse of computers as a serious matter. Failure to comply with any of the above policies may result in termination of network services and wireless connectivity, loss of computer lab use privileges, and/or disciplinary action.

Information Technology Services reserves the right to terminate any wired, wireless or lab computer connection without notice should it be determined that network traffic generated from said connection drastically inhibits or interferes with the use of the network by others. Student violations of the above will be handled through the Office of Residence Life and UNK Information Technology Services. Other violations will be referred to the appropriate Dean, Vice-Chancellor or Human Resources Office.

Reason for Policy

The University of Nebraska at Kearney provides computer labs, wired network access, and wireless access in all on-campus residences in support of the educational mission of the University. It is the responsibility of all residents and other individuals in the on-campus residences to use these services appropriately and in compliance with all University, City, County, State, and Federal laws and regulations.

Definitions

Employee refers to faculty, staff, students, independent contractors and other persons whose conduct in the performance of work at UNK is under the direct control of UNK, whether or not they are paid by UNK.

Network is defined to be all UNK owned or managed internal infrastructure for converged services, including but not limited to, data, video and voice, to facilitate resource sharing and communication.

Additional Contacts

Subject	Contact	Phone	Email
This Policy	UNK Helpdesk	308-865-8363	unkhelpdesk@unk.edu

Related Information

[Guidelines for the Use of Information Technology Resources at the University of Nebraska at Kearney](#)

[Responsible Use of University Computers and Information Systems (Executive Memorandum No. 16)](#)

History

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