



POLICY TITLE	Ethics in Computer Usage	Policy Number	443
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1.0 PURPOSE

2.0 REFERENCES

3.0 DEFINITIONS

4.0 POLICY

4.1 Everyone within the UVU community who uses university computing and communications facilities has the responsibility to use them in an ethical, professional, and legal manner. This means that users agree to abide by the following conditions:

- 1) The integrity of the systems must be respected.
- 2) Privacy of all users must not be intruded upon at any time.
- 3) Users must recognize that certain data are confidential and must limit their access to such data to uses in direct performance of their duties.
- 4) The rules and regulations governing the use of facilities and equipment must be respected.
- 5) No one shall obtain unauthorized access to other users' accounts and files.
- 6) The intended use of all accounts, typically for university scholarly work, instruction, and administrative purposes, must be respected.



7) Users shall become familiar with and abide by the guidelines for appropriate usage for the systems and networks that they access.

4.2 Access to university computing and communications equipment and facilities may be revoked for reasons including, but not limited to, attacking the security of the system, modifying or divulging private information such as file or mail contents of other users without their consent, modifying or destroying university data. Based on the above mentioned, revocation of access may be done at any time by university system administrators in order to safeguard university resources and protect university privileges. Such revocation may be appealed to a committee appointed by the Vice President of Finance and Administration. If abuse of computer systems occurs, those responsible for such abuse shall be held accountable and subject to disciplinary action.

5.0 PROCEDURES

POLICY HISTORY		
Date of Last Action	Action Taken	Authorizing Entity