

University of Alabama at Birmingham

ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER AND NETWORK RESOURCES

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UAB computer and network resources are allocated only for activities that support UAB's mission of instruction, research, and service or other approved activities. These resources may not be used for any activity which is destructive, disruptive, or illegal. Further, these resources may not be used for activities which interfere with the ability of UAB to support its mission, compromise the character and reputation of UAB by association, or violate the UAB Conflicts of Interest Policy. UAB students, faculty, employees, and other users are responsible for adhering to this policy.

UAB secures its computers, systems, servers, campus network, and external connectivity to a reasonable and economically feasible degree against unauthorized access and/or abuse, while at the same time making these resources accessible for authorized and legitimate users. Any activity which attempts to circumvent, defeat, disable, manipulate, or compromise such security is prohibited.

The right to use UAB computer and network resources may be revoked if misused or abused, even if unintentionally. Any attempt to violate the provisions of this policy may result in disciplinary action in the form of revocation of user accounts, revocation of access to the network, and/or progressive disciplinary actions, regardless of the success or failure of the attempt. Severe or continued violations will be reported to UAB authorities. Permanent revocation of access may be part of the disciplinary actions taken by those authorities. Actions which are in violation of applicable laws and statutes will be referred to appropriate law enforcement agencies and authorities.

This policy is applicable to all computing or networked devices present on UAB premises, regardless of whether they are UAB or private property. This policy also is applicable to all computing or networked devices which are UAB property, whether or not physically present in, or connected through, UAB facilities. This policy also is applicable to all devices connected through UAB's network infrastructure including, but not limited to, wired data ports, campus wireless access points, virtual private networks (VPN's), dial-up modems, and any other physical or virtual communication medium in which the device transmits or receives data via a UAB computer or network. This policy is applicable to all computing or networked devices regardless of their typical designation (or not) as a "computer" including, but not limited to, servers; desktop personal computers; workstations; laptops; printers; kiosks; personal digital assistants (PDA's); cellular telephones using data services; and network-capable cameras, game-playing units, appliances, digital video recorders, and multimedia storage. See also examples of policy violations. www.uab.edu/it/policies/violations

Other UAB Policies and Guidelines at UAB

This policy is meant to supplement, not replace, existing UAB policies and guidelines including, but not limited to, the following:

- Computer Software Policy
- Computer Software Copying and Use Policy
- Data Protection and Security Policy
- Information Disclosure and Confidentiality Policy

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Policy for Connecting Devices to the UAB Voice, Data, and Video Network
Cellular Telephones Policy
World Wide Web Pages Policy
Best Practices for Local Area Network Administrators
Policies in the *You & UAB Handbook for Faculty and Staff*
Policies in student handbooks and catalogs
Policies in the *Faculty Handbook and Policies*
University of Alabama Board of Trustees Rules

Implementation

UAB will publish this policy on its World Wide Web (WWW) site and will provide periodic reminders to users of the expected standards of conduct and the disciplinary actions for not adhering to them. In addition, this policy and its implementation may be included as a WWW hyperlink in online forms in which authorization to use UAB computer and network resources is requested.

The Vice President for Information Technology is responsible for overall procedures to implement this policy.