Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and Networks in the Eastern Washington University Residence Halls

Introduction: Eastern Washington University Department of Housing ("EWU") has made available through the Office of Information and Technology broadband access to the Internet for individuals residing in EWU's Residence Halls. Access to the Internet is a privilege. The purpose of this policy is to establish rules governing the acceptable use of the Internet/Network in University Housing. Connection to the Internet is subject to the following requirements. Failure to comply with these rules may result in termination or suspension of Internet & network account access; University discipline and/or legal action.

Scope: The use of the Internet/Network is limited to individuals who are authorized to reside in EWU Housing. Individuals who are permitted access to the Internet/Network are responsible for using it in an effective, ethical and lawful manner as detailed in this policy. Authorized users are responsible for all network traffic initiated from their personally owned equipment connecting to the network, i.e. computer, printer, smartphone, tablet, etc.

User Responsibilities: Internet/Network Users shall keep antivirus software with current virus definitions active and operating on their computers and are to keep current operating system, software, security patches, etc. Operating System security patches operating on their computers. Internet Users also agree that they shall abide by all copyright laws and maintain responsibility for any legal action for any written, audio or video copyright violations. Internet Users also agree to refrain from any unauthorized Internet/Network use as outlined below:

Unauthorized Uses: The Internet/Network may **not** be used for any of the following purposes:

1) Any use which is prohibited by EWU policy; state/federal law or regulation;

2) Inappropriate communications, including but not limited to, communications which are fraudulent, deceptive, harassing, defamatory, libelous, threatening, intimidating, discriminatory or obscene;

3) Distribution of unsolicited e-mail, including but not limited to, chain letters, mail bombs, virus hoaxes, spam mail, and other e-mail that may cause excessive network traffic or computing load;

4) The network is not for hosting content or distributing intellectual property of others.

5) Access the Internet/Network for the purpose of engaging in a malicious attack, which may include the alteration or destruction of any information on the Internet or on any network accessible through the Internet for which you do not own or have explicit permission to alter or destroy;

6) Access the Internet/Network to probe and/or exploit security holes in other systems, use of unauthorized IP addresses; the introduction, creation or propagation of computer viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, or malicious codes; alteration of the source of message; or forging of e emails;

7) Physically damage or vandalize Internet/Network resources;

8)   Unauthorized use, distribution, or copying of software, images, music, books or other intellectual property;

9) Use Internet/Network connections in EWU housing to provide any service that is visible off campus (i.e., available on the global Internet);

10) Operate a network or wireless router on the EWU Housing network or Internet system.

Right to Monitor: EWU housing has the right to monitor the content of the network and Internet services provided and may disclose any information EWU deems necessary to third parties including but not limited to, law enforcement. Any information that is in violation of this policy may be removed or not posted to the Internet.

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