

**Code of Ethics & Acceptable Use Policy  
Computer/Network Resources (ResNet)**

**Housing and Residence Life does not guarantee Internet access or network connectivity. Network access is a Privilege, not a right, and may be revoked at any time. All ethical & legal principles that apply to everyday life also apply to computing. Every member of the Oregon Tech Housing and Residence Life community has two basic rights: privacy and a fair share of resources. It is unethical and potentially illegal to violate these rights.**

Each member of ResNet is responsible for respecting the intellectual work and property of others. Without this respect, academic discourse and enterprise cannot flourish. Most of the rules and guidelines are “no-brainers.” If you think you probably should not be doing something, chances are you shouldn’t be. All policies can be discussed with a Housing and Residence Life Computer Tech for clarification.

**PRIVACY**

1. All data belongs to someone. Data shall be assumed to be private and confidential unless the owner has explicitly stated that the data is for public use.
2. All network traffic transmitted or received on the ResNet network shall be considered private.
3. Harassment via messaging services, anonymous or otherwise, is expressly forbidden on ResNet.
4. No obscene or threatening material may be transmitted through the ResNet network.
5. No computer may be spied on, or monitored, by anyone other than the owner of the computer.
6. Any attempt to gain access to a network, network hardware, or any other computer, other than the computer(s) you own, without written permission is illegal.
7. Housing and Residence Life (ResNet) reserve the right to inspect all data transmitted on our network to ensure compliance with this policy.
8. Housing and Residence Life (ResNet) considers all shares without a password to be public and reserves the right to inspect their contents to ensure compliance with this policy.

**RESOURCES**

1. In order to use any of the ResNet resources, computers must be configured to follow Housing and Residence Life (ResNet) policies.
2. Internet bandwidth is limited. Unnecessary traffic shall be kept to an absolute minimum.
3. Prolonged saturation of internal network bandwidth without permission is grounds for immediate disconnection.
4. The Housing and Residence Life network (ResNet) is for use by students living on campus only.
5. IP addresses are limited, users with more than two computers may be asked to disconnect one or more computers from the network.
6. No changes, alterations, or modifications to the physical network hardware are allowed without written permission from the Director of Housing and Residence Life.
7. Housing and Residence Life (ResNet) and Oregon Tech reserve the right to monitor and control all publicly available material.
8. Personal servers (Web, FTP, games, etc.) are allowed on the conditions that:
  - a. All content is legal.
  - b. They do not generate an unreasonable amount of network traffic.
  - c. They are for strictly non-commercial purposes.
  - d. They are yours, you cannot host for someone else.
  - e. Housing and Residence Life (ResNet) reserves the right to require removal of any material that is deemed offensive or inappropriate.
  - f. The server must be disabled upon request by ResNet, for any reason; not complying is grounds for disconnection.
9. No one may use the network to knowingly attempt to disable, overload, or saturate another computer system or network.
10. No one may use Housing and Residence Life (ResNet) facilities to attempt to circumvent or disable any system intended to protect the privacy or security of any computer or network.
11. University resources are provided for university purposes only. Commercial activity or unsolicited advertising is

prohibited.

12. Be aware of and observe the acceptable use policies of other networks outside Oregon Tech's domain.

## **INTELLECTUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. It is your responsibility to learn how to use the network and computer systems.
2. You are held personally responsible for all activity on your Oregon Tech Internet account.
3. You are held personally responsible for all traffic generated or received on your assigned network port.
4. No one shall alter the form or content of any computer data, or copy data, including programs, applications, databases and other files without a license or written permission from the author or publisher.
5. Plagiarism of copyrighted material is a violation of the right of the author to have his/her work acknowledged.
6. It is your responsibility to monitor your own bandwidth and limit. ResNet will not warn you when you are close to reaching your limit.

## **RESNET RULES**

1. Downloading, sharing, or uploading of copyrighted material without a legal license to do so is illegal. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. MP3s
  - b. Movies
  - c. Software
2. Downloading, sharing, or uploading of sexually explicit or obscene material is prohibited.
3. Using "Net Send" to broadcast messages or harass other users is prohibited.
4. DHCP servers are permitted on ResNet, as long as the DHCP server in question doesn't interfere with standard ResNet operation.

## **BANDWIDTH LIMITS**

Download traffic is not normally limited in speed or capacity; however, individual connections may be throttled in extreme situations. Uploading is limited by speed to 10 Mbps.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

If a user is found in violation of any of the stated rules, their network connection may be terminated on a case by case basis. Disconnection time will vary depending on the severity of the offense and can range from a couple of hours to the entire academic year. In cases of bandwidth abuse, the user's connection speed will be reduced dramatically until data usage drops to more reasonable levels. Multiple offenses can and will result in fines or permanent disconnection. Any attempt to bypass your disconnection, either by sharing your roommate's port or other means will result in harsher disciplinary action. If your roommate has been disconnected and you share your port with them, your port will also be disconnected. Oregon Tech Housing and Residence Life will cooperate and aid all legitimate law enforcement agencies in investigating or prosecuting illegal activity.

*Violations of this Acceptable Use Policy are violations of the Residence Life Code of Conduct and subject to its jurisdiction.*

*This Code of Ethics and Acceptable Use Policy establishes general guidelines for the use of computing and information resources. Failure to observe the code may lead to disciplinary action. Offenses that involve academic dishonesty will be dealt with through Housing and Residence Life and university disciplinary procedures.*