

- 10. Violation.** A community member who has violated this policy is subject to disciplinary action, which may include separation of the offending party from the University, consistent with established disciplinary procedures.

Computer and Telecommunications Equipment, Facilities, and Services

The University provides computing facilities for faculty, staff, and student use. These facilities and services extend to include (but are not limited to) Information Technology, the University Library, many departmental computers and servers, residence hall computers, and telephone instruments (voice and/or data transmission) in offices, residence halls, and other buildings. Misuse of these facilities, services, and equipment is a violation of University policies and may also be a violation of federal, state, and local laws. Such misuse includes unauthorized use of the facilities, services, equipment, account numbers, or files; damage to facilities and/or equipment; tampering with or destruction of programs, files, or accounts; and similar activities. Students who violate these or any other computing or telecommunications facilities policies shall be subject to University disciplinary procedures that may include fines, restitution of funds, probation, or suspension from the University.

Computers and Networks

Individuals covered by these policies include all persons accessing computer or network resources through any University facility.

General Policy

It is the policy of Northwestern University to maintain access to local, national, and international networks for the purpose of supporting its fundamental activities of instruction, research, and administration. Users of the networks are to take the necessary measures to safeguard the operating integrity of the systems and the accessibility of other users. Users are also required to comply with software licenses, applicable laws (including copyright), Northwestern Information Technology policies, and other University policy regarding computers, networks, or electronic communication. Northwestern Information Technology policies are posted at www.it.northwestern.edu/policies, including the Rights and Responsibilities policy at <https://policies.northwestern.edu/docs/appropriate-use-policy-final.pdf>.

The Northwestern Chief Information Security Officer should be notified about violations of copyright laws and Northwestern Information Technology policies, as well as about potential issues in the security of any computer systems and networks at Northwestern. Contact the Chief