EMPLOYEE COMPUTER USAGE

Section: Information Technology

Policy: In order to carry out job responsibilities, staff may be individually assigned a computer system or may share a computer system. Department-provided computer systems should only be used for work purposes. All department staff members are expected to understand and follow University of Georgia (UGA) computer usage policies.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to outline expectations for all staff members using department computer systems as a part of their position responsibilities.

Scope: This policy applies to all University Housing staff members requiring computer access.

Background: To better protect students, staff, and information technology resources within University Housing.

Procedure:

I. The University Housing Human Resources (HR) staff is responsible for notifying the Information Technology (IT) staff via IT request when an employee has been hired, transferred, resigned, or separated. IT staff will grant or remove access to the applicable systems in accordance with the request instructions or established University protocol.

II. For employees needing access to the StarRez information system, the RPS administration office staff or the HR staff, whichever is applicable, will notify the IT staff via IT request when an employee has completed the required Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) training. IT staff will configure access according to the request instructions and position being filled.

III. Upon beginning a new position in University Housing, all employees who will have responsibilities working on a departmental computer system, must read and be expected to understand the applicable UGA policies, standards and guidelines published by the office of information security. These policies, standards, and guidelines can be found at https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/pols_regs/policies/.

IV. Every employee will be provided their own user ID and password to access appropriate systems. Although not required, staff members are strongly encouraged to change their passwords periodically. Employees shall not share passwords for any reason.

V. All employees are expected to lock their computers when leaving the immediate area where the computer is installed. This can be achieved by executing one of the following actions on Windows machines: Simultaneously press the Windows+L keys, or simultaneously pressing the Ctrl+Alt+Del keys and selecting Lock from the pop-up menu, or by pressing the Windows button then selecting the user icon and choosing Lock. All windows computers have been configured to automatically lock after 20 minutes of inactivity. When ready to resume computer use, press any key on the keyboard and use your MyID and password to regain computer access.
VI. All employees must power off the computer at the end of the workday, unless instructed by IT staff for a one-time case to leave the computer powered on.

VII. All employees are responsible for backing up their work data, such as documents, photos, etc. to the shared drive, OneDrive, or other media.

VIII. After a computer upgrade or exchange, the IT staff will maintain the computer’s disk drive unchanged for 14 days. The disk drive will be formatted (all data erased) after 14 days.

IX. Upon an employee’s termination, separation, or position transfer, all computer equipment, to include peripherals, will remain in place. Except in cases when the employee is assigned a laptop, the laptop will be delivered to the IT office by the employee or the employee’s supervisor.

X. It is the supervisor’s responsibility to oversee student, temporary or part-time staff appropriate use of the computer system.

XI. The IT staff will notify the staff member’s supervisor and appropriate management team member should any inappropriate computer usage be incidentally discovered.

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