PROHIBITED APPS

Section: IT

Policy: As stewards of public trust and protectors of sensitive institutional data, certain apps and websites are prohibited from state-owned devices because of the risk of cybersecurity threats and growing concerns about data privacy and security.

Purpose: Bad actors—including cybercriminals and foreign entities—regularly exploit digital vulnerabilities to breach networks, steal sensitive information, and undermine trust in public institutions. These risks are particularly serious in higher education, where we manage not only operational data but also the personal information of students, faculty, and staff. Robust security measures are essential to safeguard privacy and maintain the integrity of our systems.

Scope: This policy applies to all student and full-time staff members of University Housing.

Background: An [Arch News email](#) dated March 26, 2025 provides guidance on apps not permitted on state-owned devices.

Procedure:

I.   The following apps are now also disallowed from use on any state-owned and/or -issued devices, including mobile phones, laptops, and tablets:
   A.   TikTok (social media app)
   B.   WeChat (social media app)
   C.   Telegram (social media app)
   D.   RedNote (social media app)
   E.   DeepSeek (AI chatbot)
   F.   Webull (online stock trading)
   G.   Tiger Brokers (online stock trading)
   H.   Moomoo (investing app)
   I.   Lemon8 (social media app)

II.   This restriction does not apply to students, faculty, or staff using these applications on personal devices. However, employees must not use any of these apps on devices—personal or institutional—that are used to access sensitive or restricted USG data, including health records, financial data, or personally identifiable information.

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