Information Security Policy Examples

⚠️ **In an effort to assist in developing important security policy, below you will find examples of institutional information security policies.**

General Information Security Policies

- EDUCAUSE Security Policies Resource Page (General)
- Computing Policies at James Madison University
- Computing Policies at University of Iowa
- University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Electronic Information Security Policy
- University of Notre Dame Information Security Policy
- University of Iowa Information Security Framework
- Carnegie Mellon Information Security Roles and Responsibilities
- Stanford University Computer and Network Usage Policy

Privacy Policies

- EDUCAUSE Campus Privacy Policies Resource Page
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Information Resources Privacy Policy
- University of Minnesota Selecting an Online Privacy Policy
- Stanford Privacy and Access to Electronic Information
- University of Miami School of Medicine: Privacy/Data Protection Project

Acceptable Use Policies

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Acceptable Use Policy
- University of Minnesota Acceptable Use of information Technology Resources Policy
- Purdue University Acceptable Use Policy
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Internet Use Policy
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro Blackboard Use Policy

Data Classification and Governance

- EDUCAUSE Campus Data Classification Policies
- Carnegie Mellon Guidelines for Data Protection
- State of Texas Department of Information Resources Data Classification Guide
- University of Texas at Austin Data Classification Standard
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Data Classification Policy
- Carnegie Mellon Guidelines for Data Classification
- Stanford University Data Classification
- Purdue University Data Classification and Governance Policy

SSNs

- University of Iowa SSN Policy
- Purdue University Social Security Number Policy
- Northwestern University Secure Handling of Social Security Numbers Policy

Encryption

- University of Texas at Austin Data Encryption Guidelines
- Northwestern University Data Encryption Policy
- UCLA Protection of Electronically Stored Personal Information Policy

Disposal of Computers, Hard Drives

- EDUCAUSE Guidelines for Data Media Sanitization and Disposal
- NIST SP 800-88 Guidelines for Media Sanitization
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Storage Media Control Policy
- Northwestern University Disposal of Computers Policy
- Carnegie Mellon Guidelines for Data Sanitization and Disposal

Identity and Access Management Policies

- University of Iowa Enterprise Authentication Policy

- Purdue University Authentication and Authorization Policy

- Stanford University Identification and Authentication Policy
- University of South Carolina Data Access Policy
- Virginia Tech Administrative Data Management and Access Policy

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Administrative and Special Access Policy
- Carnegie Mellon Guidelines for Appropriate Use of Administrator Access

Passwords

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Access Control and Password Management Policy
- Carnegie Mellon Guidelines for Password Management
- University of Iowa Enterprise Password Policy

Physical Access

- University of Texas at Austin University Data Center Security Policy
- University of Texas at Austin University Identification Card Guidelines
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Physical Security for Electronic Information Resources
- Cornell University Responsible Use of Video Surveillance Systems

Incident Management and Response

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Information Security Incident Reporting Policy
- University of Iowa Computer Security Breach Notification Policy
- UCLA Notification of Breaches of Computerized Personal Information Policy
- University of Minnesota Reporting and Notifying Individuals of Security Breaches Policy
- NIST SP 800-61 Computer Security Incident Handling Guide

Backup and Data Recovery

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Data Backup Policy and Guideline
- University of Iowa Backup and Recovery Policy

Email and Instant Messaging

- EDUCAUSE Email Policies

- State of Texas Department of Information Resources Internet and Email Domain Name Policy
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Electronic Mail Use and Retention Policy
- Purdue University Electronic Mail Policy
- University of Texas at Austin University Electronic Mail Student Notification Policy (Use of E-mail for Official Correspondence to Students)
- Carnegie Mellon Instant Messaging Security and Use Guidelines

Social Media

- State of Texas Social Media Policy
- Stanford University Chat Rooms and Other Forums Policy
- Drexel University Social Media Policy
- Ball State University Social Media Policy
- University of California Santa Barbara Social Networking Guidelines for Administrators
- University of Florida Social Media Guidelines
- State University of New York Social Media Policy

Cloud Computing

- University of California Cloud Computing Task Force
- Cornell University Outsourcing and Cloud Computing resource page
- Purdue University Cloud Computing Consumer Guidelines
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Third-Party Management of Information Resources Policy

Technology Procurement

- Northwestern University Policy for Information Technology Acquisition, Development and Deployment

Mobile Device Policies

- EDUCAUSE Campus Cell Phone Policies
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Portable Computing Policy
- University of Texas at Austin Handheld Hardening Checklists
- University of Oregon Mobile Device Security Policy Recommendations and Questions
- University of Pennsylvania Server-Managed Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) Policy with Disclaimer

Minimum Security Requirements Network Devices

- UCLA Minimum Security Standards for Network Devices Policy
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Computer Network Security Configuration Policy
- University of Texas at Austin Minimum Security Standards for Systems
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Administration of Security on Server Computers Policy
- University of Texas at Arlington Server Management Policy
- Northwestern University Server Certificate Policy
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Administration of Security on Workstation Computers Policy
- University of Minnesota Basic Security for Computers and Other Electronic Device

Networking Policies

- UNC-G: Wireless Networking

- Appalachian State University: Open Servers VLAN Policy
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Network Access Policy
- University of California at Berkeley Guidelines and Procedures for Blocking Network Access

Firewall Maintenance

- Northwestern University Firewall Policy

VPN Usage

- Northwestern University Usage of the NU SSL VPN Policy

Web Application Security Policies

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Web Application Security Policy
- Carnegie Mellon Web Server Security Guidelines

SQL Databases and Proxy Servers

- Carnegie Mellon Proxy Server Guidelines

Application Service Provider

- University of Texas at Austin Minimum Security Standards for Application Development and Administration

Research Application Hosting

- Carnegie Mellon Procedures for Requesting Access to Network Data for Research

File Sharing

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Peer-To-Peer Access Policy

Risk Management

- UT Health Science Center at San Antonio Electronic Information Security Risk Management Policy

Security Monitoring

- University of Texas at Austin Network Monitoring Guidelines
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Security Monitoring Policy

Security Training

- UT Health Science Center at San Antonio Information Security Training and Awareness Policy

DNS Policies

- EDUCAUSE Campus Domain Name Policies
- Carnegie Mellon Recursive DNS Server Operations Guideline
- Registration and Use of UCLA Domain Names Policy

Copyright

- EDUCAUSE Campus Copyright and Intellectual Property Policies
- Carnegie Mellon Copyright Violation Guideline

PCI

- University of Texas at Austin Minimum Security Standards for Merchant Payment Card Processing
- Stanford University Credit Card Acceptance and Processing Policy

Software Licensing

- EDUCAUSE Campus Licensing Policies
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Software Policy

---

ⓘ **Looking for More Sample Policies?**

See the EDUCAUSE library collection of sample policies from colleges and universities, including policies on privacy, passwords, data classification, security, e-mail, and many more.

❓ **Questions or comments?** ⓘ **Contact us.**