

DormNet Agreement

As a DormNet participant, I will comply with all rules and regulations in Harding University's Policy for the Responsible Use of Information Systems and Technology and this Agreement.

I understand that any violations of this agreement may, without prior notification, result in the loss of my network connection and e-mail account. Violations may also be referred to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action.

I am expected to monitor my harding.edu e-mail address on a regular basis because campus offices use harding.edu addresses to contact students with important information. I may forward my Harding e-mail to an off-campus e-mail address.

I will run effective anti-virus software, and will keep it up-to-date with the latest definition files. Failure to do so could result in the loss of my connection.

I will keep my operating system up-to-date with regular downloads of security patches. Failure to do so could result in the loss of my connection.

I am responsible for all activity which takes place using my DormNet connection, my computer or my account, even when someone else uses my computer. I will keep my account password private.

I will not use means to circumvent data protection schemes or uncover security loopholes. This may include (but is not limited to) creating and/or running programs that are designed to identify security loopholes (typically referred to as port scanning), decrypt intentionally secured data, or use any type of "sniffer" hardware or software.

I will not use an IP address, computer name or port that is not assigned to me. I understand that only one IP address will be assigned to my computer via DHCP. I understand that I may not have multiple IP addresses per computer.

I will not modify any network wiring, hardware or jacks.

I understand that the network extended to my room is the property of Harding University and that the campus network administrators monitor and inspect network traffic for the purposes of assuring both proper operation of the network and fair allocation of its resources.

I understand that Harding reserves the right to restrict the use of any service or network activity which proves detrimental to general network performance. This includes HTTP, FTP, Telnet, audio, video and game servers. Upon notification from the Student Support & Communications office, I agree to immediately stop any activity that directly or indirectly creates interference in the operation and administration of the Harding network.

In this day and time, theft includes illegally sharing digital files such as music, movies and images. I understand that this would mean that if I download digital files from sources that do not own the copyright of the file, I am stealing that file. If I copy and shares files with other people, that, too, is theft on my part and on the part of those who copy the files from me. If I am discovered engaged in this while at Harding University, especially if I use Harding IS&T resources to accomplish this, it will be considered theft. Harding University utilizes a software program called CopySense to monitor illegal downloading of copyrighted materials. I understand that if I violate copyright laws, I will be reported to the Office of Student Life where disciplinary action may be taken, including, but not limited to, loss of network usage.

I understand that I may not run server software. Likewise the following services must be turned off on my computer: DHCP, DNS, SMTP and WINS.

I understand that forgery or other misrepresentation of my identity via any electronic communication is expressly prohibited regardless of intent.

I understand that if my Harding University account is being used for any purpose that violates this Agreement, it will be disabled without prior notification and will stay disabled until the problem is resolved.