

## **Information**

Protection from Malicious Software

## **Effective**

July 23 2007

## **Number**

ISO 014 v2 0

## **Applicability**

This policy applies to all University workforce faculty and student members including but not limited to faculty staff students temps trainees volunteers and other persons as deemed appropriate while conducting performing work teaching research or study activity using University resources and includes all facilities property data and equipment owned leased and or maintained by the University or affiliates

## **Administrative Authority**

Vice President for Risk Audit and Compliance

## **Responsible Unit**

Information Security Office

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## **History**

This policy is subject to change or termination by the University at any time. This policy SUPERSEDES all prior policies, procedures or advisories pertaining to the same subject.

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the University policy management process to determine if the policy addresses University risk exposure and complies with the applicable security regulations and University direction. In the event that significant regulatory changes occur, this policy will be reviewed and updated as needed.

Approved July 23, 2007 by the Compliance Oversight Council

Shirley C Willihnganz, Executive Vice President and University Provost, Chair of the

Compliance Oversight Council

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## Categories

### Statement:

All computing devices must be configured with appropriate safeguards against malicious software. Anti-virus, anti-malware and firewall software must be enabled on all windows based computing devices that attach to the University networks. Non-Windows computing devices should use equivalent safeguards. Servers must be configured so that they are protected by the university's enterprise firewall and meet all other enterprise class configuration, administration and maintenance requirements. All exemptions must follow [ISO-004 Policy Exception Management Process](#).

### Reasoning:

Protection from malicious software (viruses, worms, trojans, root kits, hostile Active X controls, etc.) must be utilized within the university network.

### Responsibilities:

The **Dean of each School or Administrative Department Head** is responsible for the implementation of these security policies and standards so that all computing devices in their areas of responsibility have implemented the appropriate virus protection, anti-malware and firewall controls as outlined in this document and that all such tools are kept current with the most recent updates installed.

**Policy Authority/Enforcement:** The University's Information Security Officer (ISO) is responsible for the development, publication, modification and oversight of these

policies and standards. The ISO works in conjunction with University Leadership, Information Technology, Audit Services and others for development, monitoring and enforcement of these policies and standards.

**Policy Compliance:** Failure to comply with these policies and standards and/or any related information security and/or information technology policy, standard or procedure may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, services or relationship with the University and/or action in accordance with local ordinances, state or federal laws.