





unlocked storage devices or publicly available websites. When the data is no longer needed on a regular basis, it should be archived or disposed of. Guidance for records retention and destruction can be found in the [Records Retention](#) policy.

**Private:** Information that must be guarded against unauthorized generation, access, modification, disclosure, transmission, or destruction due to its proprietary, ethical, or privacy considerations. Any information not created specifically for public distribution should be considered private unless otherwise classified with a more restrictive classification.

Examples of applicable laws and regulations include:

- Protected health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Student educational records as defined by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Gramm Leach Bliley Act (GLBA)
- Cardholder data as defined by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard

Examples of private data include:

- Academic records
- Health records
- University partnerships
- Social Security numbers
- System passwords
- Financial information

**Sensitive:** This data is highly confidential and may contain research, law enforcement, governmental, or other data. Only those directly involved with these processes are to have access to this information.

## **PROCEDURE:**

Many procedures for complying with this policy are outlined in the policy statement above. In addition:

The University employs various measures to protect the security of computing resources, data, and users' accounts. Users should be aware, however, that the ~~QMUVLW~~ cannot guarantee such security. Users should therefore engage in prudent computing practices by establishing robust access restrictions for their accounts. This includes guarding their passwords and changing them regularly. For more information, see the University [Computer Passwords](#) policy.

The ~~QMUVLW~~ and its employees are responsible for protecting private and sensitive ~~QMUVLW~~ data. Should any ~~QMUVLW~~ computing resources become compromised or threatened due to loss or theft of information technology equipment or other resources, users must immediately take steps to prevent or minimize the harm or damage that could result. If a ~~QMUVLW~~ owned device or personal device containing Utica ~~QMUVLW~~ data or used to access Utica ~~QMUVLW~~ data is lost or stolen, users must immediately notify the Office of Campus Safety and IITS. Should this occur off-campus, users should file a police report with appropriate local authorities. IITS will contact the user after the reported loss or theft to determine the nature and scope of any compromised Utica ~~QMUVLW~~ private or sensitive data, and may take steps to delete data from these devices. If there was a potential compromise of private or sensitive information or exposure of network resources, the Director of Information Security may confer with appropriate ~~QMUVLW~~ officials, coordinate notification to affected individuals, and report the incident to state or federal agencies as required. For more information, see the both the College's [Data Breach Notification](#), and Data Security and Classification policies.

Users should also be aware that their use of ~~QMUVLW~~ computing resources is not private. Part of the normal operations of the University's computing resources require monitoring of general and specific usage, data capacity, general and specific activity. In certain situations, the ~~QMUVLW~~ may also monitor the activity and accounts of individual users of ~~QMUVLW~~ computing resources, including individual

login sessions and communications, without notice. Examples of those situations may include, but are not limited to the following situations:

- The user has given permission or has voluntarily made them accessible to the public, for example by posting to a publicly accessible web page or providing publicly accessible network services.
- It reasonably appears necessary to do so to protect the integrity, security, or functionality of the University or other University-related computing resources, including network or internet traffic, or to protect the University from liability or reputational harm.
- There is a reasonable basis to believe that the user has violated, or is violating, this policy or other technology-related policies.
- An account appears to be engaged in unusual or unusually excessive activity, as indicated by the monitoring of general activity and usage patterns.
- The University is conducting audits as defined by the [Vulnerability and Risk Assessment](#) policy.
- It is otherwise required or permitted by law.

Any such individual monitoring, other than the specified in paragraph (a) above, that is required by law or necessary to respond to perceived emergency situations, must be authorized in advance by the Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Users who violate this policy may be denied access to University computing resources and may be subject to other penalties and disciplinary action, both within and outside the University. Violations will normally be handled through the University disciplinary procedures applicable to the relevant user. For example, alleged violations by students will normally be investigated, and any penalties or other discipline will normally be imposed, through the disciplinary system administered by the Office of Student Affairs. The University may temporarily suspend, throttle, or block access to computing resources prior to the initiation or completion of such procedures when it reasonably appears necessary to do so in order to protect the integrity, security, or functionality of University computing resources or to protect the University from liability or reputational harm. The University may also refer suspected violations of applicable law to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The University, in its discretion, may disclose the results of any such general or individual monitoring, including the contents and records of individual communications, to appropriate University personnel or law enforcement agencies and may use those results in appropriate University disciplinary proceedings. Communications made by means of University computing resources, including the contents and records of individual communications, may also be subject to review as part of private lawsuits and proceedings to the same extent as they would be if made on paper.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

It is the responsibility of IITS to investigate any suspected or reported violations of this policy. It is the responsibility of University employees who witness breaches of this policy to report violations to IITS.

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

Enforcement of Utica University policies is the responsibility of the office or offices listed in the “Resources/Questions” section of each policy. The responsible office will contact the appropriate authority regarding faculty or staff members, students, vendors, or visitors who violate policies.

Utica University acknowledges that University policies may not anticipate every possible issue that may arise. The University therefore reserves the right to make reasonable and relevant decisions regarding the enforcement of this policy. All such decisions must be approved by an officer of the University (i.e. President, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Senior Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Management, or Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel).

## RESOURCES/QUESTIONS:

For more information, contact the Director of Information Security. Use of University computing resources is also subject to the University's Code of Student Conduct, the College's policy on Academic Misconduct, and all other generally applicable University policies including:

[Computer Passwords Policy](#)

[Copyright and Peer-to-Peer File Sharing Policy](#)

[Data Breach Notification Policy](#)

Data Security and Classification Policy

[Employee Code of Conduct](#)

[Purchasing and Accounts Payable Policy](#)

User Accounts Policy

[Utica University Email Policy](#)

[Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Policy](#)

Please note that other Utica University policies may apply or be related to this policy. To search for related policies, use the Keyword Search function of the online policy manual.

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