

## e. **Computer and Information System Misuse**

- i. Unauthorized and/or inappropriate use of computers is prohibited. Such use includes, but is not limited to: Any attempt to circumvent any security measure of the University or another entity.
- ii. Intentional use, distribution, or creation of viruses, worms, or other malicious software.
- iii. Unauthorized copying or distributing of licensed software, or copyright-protected or patent-protected material.
- iv. Any attempt to access IT Resources or data without appropriate authorization and authentication.
- v. Without authorization, destroying, altering, dismantling, disfiguring, preventing rightful access to, or otherwise interfering with the integrity of IT Resources.
- vi. Without authorization, invading the privacy of individuals or entities that are creators, authors, users, or subjects of the IT Resources.
- vii. Use of IT Resources that disables other IT Resources, negatively impacts University business or materially increases the costs of IT Resources, or interferes with the intended use of the IT Resources.
- viii. Develop or use any unauthorized mechanisms to alter or avoid charges levied by the University, or its service providers, for computing, network, printing, or other services.
- ix. Use of IT Resources for financial gain and/or commercial purposes, without prior authorization.
- x. Using Ferris State University systems to search or purchase firearms, recreational drugs, alcohol, or pornography.
- xi. Downloading, installing, or running security programs or utilities that reveal passwords, private information, or exploit weaknesses in the security of a system. For example, Ferris State University users must not run spyware, adware, password cracking programs, packet sniffers, port scanners, or any other non-approved programs on Ferris State University information systems.
- xii. Network scanning, or doing security research (University People, Processes, or Technology), without explicit, written permission from the CIO or Vice President for Administration and Finance is prohibited.
- xiii. Unauthorized disclosure of credentials such as access codes, passwords, key codes, etc. or allowing the use of your account or access codes by others is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, family, friends, and other household members.