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Guidelines for Appropriate Internet Usage

Members of the Rowan community increasingly use personal websites, online blogs, online journals, and online communities (such as Facebook.com and Twitter.com) to communicate and network within and outside of the community. Users should remember that these sites are usually accessible to the public, so keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Be careful about how much and what kind of personally identifiable information you post to these sites. They are potentially accessible to the public. Don't post anything you would not want the world to know, including personal information that could lead to identity theft, harassment, intimidation, bullying, stalking, or other safety concerns. Also, remember that Facebook and other sites provide privacy settings for posted information – use them to protect whatever private information you decide to post.
- Be aware that your entries may be seen by unintended viewers. Faculty, administrators, potential current and future employers can often access information you place on these sites. Assume that any information you post may at some point be the basis for the impression others have of you.
- Understand that even though these sites are hosted outside Rowan University computing resources, violations of university policy on such sites may be subject to investigation and sanction under the Acceptable Use Policy, Nondiscrimination Policy, Student Code of Conduct, and other college policies.

The University will investigate complaints of violations to University policies or the Student Code of Conduct by members of the Rowan University community which are committed through their misuse of e-mail, voicemail, telephones, cell phones, pagers, text or instant messaging, web-cameras, websites or any other electronic technology. For information about the Network & Computer Use Policy please refer to: http://www.rowan.edu/toolbox/policies/network/

If you feel that you are the subject of online harassment or threatening behavior, invasion of privacy, or other misconduct, using electronic technology please contact the following:

Students
Associate Vice President for Residential Learning and University Housing/Dean of Students Office at 856-256-4266

Employees
Senior Director Human Resources Office at 856-256-4139