

University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB)

Residential Network (ResNet) Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to state the terms of use of the University of Maryland Baltimore's Residential Network (ResNet).

Definitions

"Authorized Users": Residents of Pascault Row and University Suites at Fayette Square, and their visitors and guests, who are registered with CITS, approved to use UMB's ResNet, and provided with information required to access ResNet.

"CITS": Center for Information Technology Services.

"HS/HSL": Health Sciences and Human Services Library.

"ResNet": University of Maryland Baltimore's residential network providing wired or wireless network connections.

"UMB": University of Maryland Baltimore (including all schools and administrative units).

"USM": University System of Maryland.

Scope

This Policy applies to all Authorized Users and all connections to ResNet.

Policy Statement

UMB provides Authorized Users with the capability to connect their computers to or wirelessly access the ResNet. This access is provided primarily for the purpose of facilitating academic activity of the Authorized Users, whether or not such activity directly relates to formal course work.

Use of the ResNet is a privilege. It is incumbent upon all Authorized Users to act responsibly in using ResNet. For each Authorized User, complying with this Policy, other applicable policies, and applicable laws is a condition of maintaining access to ResNet.

By connecting to ResNet, an Authorized User agrees to abide by all applicable local, state, and federal law; all applicable rules and policies of USM and UMB; and all policies and guidelines set by CITS.

Terms of Use

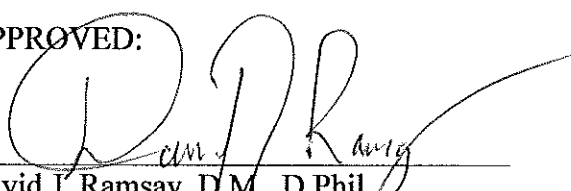
1. It is each Authorized User's responsibility to be familiar with the current terms of use for ResNet. The Authorized User is responsible for complying with all of the terms of use.
2. ResNet access is provided to Authorized Users by CITS. Authorized Users may authorize their guests and visitors to access ResNet, but in such cases Authorized Users are responsible for the use of ResNet by their guests and visitors. An Authorized User is required to educate the Authorized User's guests and visitors about policies applicable to use of ResNet before permitting them to use the Authorized User's ResNet connection.
3. All persons using ResNet are subject to the UMB Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy (available on-line at http://www.umaryland.edu/cits/policies/responsible_use.html), which applies to all computers using ResNet. Under the Acceptable Use Policy, ResNet connections may not be used to receive or distribute copyrighted material without permission or the copyright holder. Prohibited actions include without limitation the unauthorized storage or distribution of software, motion pictures, videos, music, and books and other published works.
4. Only ResNet access points provided or authorized by CITS are permitted in Pascault Row and University Suites. Unauthorized access points will be removed by CITS (in Pascault Row) or the owner or manager of the building (in University Suites).
5. Authorized Users and others connecting to ResNet must ensure that their computers are equipped with appropriately updated anti-virus software. In addition, Authorized Users and others connecting to ResNet must ensure that their computers are automatically updated with the latest security patches appropriate to their operating system and applications. Failure to follow these measures may result in a computer becoming infected with a virus or being accessed by hackers. UMB sells updated anti-virus software (Symantec Endpoint Protection) to the UMB community for a nominal fee. The software is available at the HS/HSL circulation desk. (Authorized Users, guests and visitors who are not UMB students cannot purchase software from UMB.)
6. Using a computer connected to ResNet to provide services that result in large amounts of inbound/outbound traffic is prohibited (some examples: sharing files with a peer-to-peer network, operating a streaming web cam, operating a public FTP or IRC server). While it is permissible to maintain a personal web site on a computer connected to ResNet, it is unacceptable to operate any service that generates large and easily identifiable levels of inbound/outbound traffic. It is not permitted to operate personal businesses using ResNet.
7. CITS periodically conducts network assessments that may include remotely evaluating the security of a computer connected to ResNet and traffic across ResNet. In the event that a serious vulnerability or a suspected violation of this Policy is discovered, the Authorized User will be notified and must correct the situation.

8. Each Authorized User is responsible for any traffic originating from a computer at a time that the Authorized User's ResNet identification is in use to access ResNet from that computer. The Authorized User is responsible no matter who is using the computer.
9. If a computer or its use poses a threat to the security of other computers on the ResNet or the UMB network (e.g., virus infection, hacker intrusion, spam relay), CITS may temporarily suspend ResNet access for that computer and for the ResNet account used with that computer. Reasonable effort will be made to contact the owner of the suspended computer or ResNet account; however, during emergencies it may not be practical to contact affected persons in a timely manner. If an Authorized User suspects that ResNet access has been blocked, the Authorized User should contact the CITS Helpdesk at 410-706-4357 (6-4357 or 6-HELP).
10. An Authorized User must make arrangements for telephone or cable television service by contacting the appropriate residence staff. UMB does not provide these services through ResNet.
11. Notices to Authorized Users concerning suspension of ResNet accounts will be given by the following means: (a) e-mail to a UMB e-mail address, if applicable, unless the ResNet account has been terminated before notice is given; (b) telephone contact, if ResNet service has been terminated, and a telephone contact has been provided to CITS with ResNet registration; or (c) if telephone contact is not feasible, delivery of written notice (by first class mail or hand delivery) to the mailing address provided at the time of ResNet registration.

Violations and Penalties

Violation of this Policy may result in revocation of an Authorized User's right to use ResNet and the entire UMB network, suspension of ResNet service to a computer involved in a violation as well as other computers owned or used by the Authorized User, disciplinary action against the Authorized User, termination of a residence agreement, and/or legal action (possibly including criminal charges) against the Authorized User and any person using ResNet under an Authorized User's account. If an Authorized User or any other person using ResNet in violation of this Policy is known to be enrolled at a USM institution other than UMB, UMB may notify the appropriate institution of the violation. A violation of this Policy will be reported to law enforcement authorities if CITS and UMB determine that the underlying actions of an Authorized User or other persons may violate criminal law.

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