Boston College Computer Users Code of Conduct & Practice



This code of conduct and practice has been drawn up for the benefit of all users and to ensure that CSU provides you with the highest level of services. While using these services, every user **MUST** observe and help to promote this code in order to create a pleasant working and studying environment for all users. Failure to abide by this code will lead to disciplinary action, according to the College's disciplinary procedures, and may lead to the loss of your computer network account. It may also result in the termination of your course.

WARNING: Internet usage will be proactively monitored to detect any material promoting terrorism or radicalisation as covered by the Terrorism Act 2006, Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and the Prevent Duty 2015. Network computers may be remotely monitored by the CSU in the interests of security and in order to ensure that the following rules are adhered to.

THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES ARE PROHIBITED

- 1. Contravention of Copyright regulations.
- 2. Connection and disconnection of computer terminals, printers or associated equipment from sockets.
- 3. Installation of software without permission (chat-lines, games, MP3's, own software etc).
- 4. Copying College software.
- 5. Employment of College resources for private use.
- 6. Unapproved access to computer system areas.
- 7. Reconfiguring equipment and system settings.
- 8. Placing unapproved executable files into your user area.
- 9. Transmission or publication of obscene and/or irresponsible material.
- 10. Downloading indecent or inappropriate text, pictures, graphics etc. or other material which is likely to offend.
- 11. Accessing or distributing any material promoting terrorism or radicalisation as covered by the Terrorism Act 2006 and the Prevent Strategy 2011
- 12. Any misuse of E-Mail such as chain E-Mail or any communication that may be considered as harassment.
- 13. Logging on or using the network, except with your own allocated personal user name.
- 14. Permitting other users to have access to your user account (even friends).
- 15. Leaving a room whilst your workstation is logged on or leaving a room and locking your workstation.
- 16. Connection of personal equipment to the Boston College Network or computer systems without approval.
- 17. Playing computer games, unapproved use of chat-lines and network broadcasts.
- 18. Vandalism and theft of CSU equipment.
- 19. Entry to computer labs without a member of staff present.
- 20. Introduction of any software designed to create a security breach on the network (e.g. viruses, hacking software, password catching software).

YOUR NETWORK ACCOUNT

The user account, which is created for you, has a unique login-id. Therefore, any privileges granted to your account are for your sole use only. **DO NOT** let anyone else use it. **YOU** are responsible for all use of your account, it must not be used by other people. You are required to change your password regularly and use good password practices.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Users are reminded that they should spend **NO** more than 2 hours at a computer workstation without a break;

In addition to statutory health and safety at work requirements, the following practices are NOT permitted:

- 1. Bringing and /or consuming food and drink in the computer rooms.
- 2. Sitting on computer desks, boisterous behaviour or acting in such a manner which would jeopardise Health and Safety.
- 3. Leaving bags or any other belongings on computer workstations, users may store bags, etc. underneath the computer desks.
- 4. Any attempt to rectify any technical or electrical problems. These are tasks to be performed by the technicians only.

Users are expected to tidy the area as soon as they finish their work. There are a number of waste paper bins in all computer rooms.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to comply with the CSU's Code of Conduct and Practice*. I realise that any contravention of these rules may lead to disciplinary action and removal of my right to access the computer network.

Learner First Name	Learner Surname (family name)
Signature	Date///
*(If you are under 18 yrs old you must ensure your parent or guardian is aware of this Code of Conduct. By signing above you promise that your parent or guardian will be shown your copy of the CSU's Code of Conduct and Practice).	
Course Name/Year	Tutor's Full Name (<i>Print</i>)
Tutor's Signature	Date///