

Standard: Computer Crime and Privacy Laws

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Revision History

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Executive Summary

According to ISAC2 2014, “a computer crime is any illegal action where the data on a computer is accessed without permission. This includes unauthorized access or alteration of data, or unlawful use of computers and services”. Therefore it is important for Stanislaus State to adhere to proper privacy laws and regulations. The overall protection of the data assets must begin with the individual who has access to them. This standard defines the computer crimes and federal and state privacy laws relevant to Stanislaus State. The purpose of this standard is to provide education and awareness to faculty and students on the types of laws (statutory, regulatory, and federal) that the University must follow.

Introduction and Purpose

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Scope

This standard applies to all Stanislaus State, Self-Funded, and Auxiliary (“campus”) computer systems and facilities, with a target audience of Stanislaus State employees and partners.

Standard

Identification of Applicable Legislation

All relevant statutory and regulatory requirements and the university’s approach to meet these requirements should be explicitly defined, documented, and kept up to date for each information system and the organization.

Laws, Regulations and Contractual Requirements

For every Stanislaus State production information system, all relevant statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements must be thoroughly researched, explicitly defined, and included in current system documentation.

Periodic Monitoring of Privacy Laws

Stanislaus State must monitor all data privacy laws applicable to the University, for changes that will impact the privacy program and the corresponding written data privacy policies. This monitoring must occur on a quarterly basis.

Privacy Laws and Regulations

Disclosure of Protected Information

Additional laws and regulations specify the disclosure of employee and student information and require the University to take specific actions in the event Stanislaus State suspects protected information may have been disclosed either accidentally or maliciously to unauthorized parties.

Notification and Lines of Communication

Individuals who handle protected information for the University are encouraged to speak with their managers, Information Authorities, or the Information Security Officer to familiarize themselves with relevant laws and regulations.

Reference to Computer Crime and Privacy Laws

For more information on the Computer Crime and Privacy Laws that the University must adhere to, refer to the Stanislaus State “Cheat Sheet: Computer Crime and Privacy Laws” [1].

More Information

[1] Stanislaus State: "Cheat Sheet: Computer Crime and Privacy Laws".