

## Appropriate Use of the Internet

Internet access at the Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre (Residence) is provided through Thompson Rivers University (TRU). As such, the TRU “Responsible Use of information Technology Facilities & Services” policy (BRD 16-0) applies to all students and guests at the Residence. This policy can be accessed at <http://www.tru.ca/policy/admin.html>. Disciplinary or legal actions will be initiated by the Residence and /or TRU if these policies are not followed. Policies include but are not limited to the following (please visit the above website for full and up to date policy):

- Students and guests are expected to take all necessary precautions to protect their hardware and software as well as the data stored on their PC.
- Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre is not responsible for theft or damage to any Resident’s and /or guest’s PC under any circumstances.
- If the Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre installs a password system, the student or guest agrees to keep their assigned “username” and “password” secret and secure.
- Use of Residence Internet Account for business (e-commerce) or financial gain is strictly prohibited.
- Since the Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre facilities are connected to the Internet, usage of the network is governed by the acceptable use policies of connected nets and laws of other countries.
- Students and guests are urged to be sensitive and aware of other cultures and nations in their postings on the internet.
- It should not be assumed that e-mail and other data is private as it traverses the Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre internal network or the internet. Students and guests are urged to act accordingly.
- Due to inevitable system upgrades or malfunctions, the Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre System Administrator(s) may need to inspect user directories. Should any Student or guest require their data to remain private at all times, it is the responsibility of that Student or guest to use encryption or a removable mass storage device.
- Any deliberate attempt to discover or alter other Student or guest passwords is strictly prohibited, as are attempts to subvert system security or operation or any of the University’s computers or other networked computers.
- The Thompson Rivers University Residence & Conference Centre Internet Service may not be used for illegal purposes, and it is expressly noted that copying copyrighted software and the execution of illegally copied software is strictly prohibited.
- Harassment in any form (e-mail or otherwise) is strictly prohibited. The policy outlined in the Student Residence Agreement will be enforced.
- Any attempt to hide the identity of the sender/originator of a message is strictly prohibited.