

MANDATORY GUIDELINES FOR RPCV USE OF PEACE CORPS PROVIDED IT EQUIPMENT

1.0 RPCVs shall keep in mind that RPCV computers are Peace Corps-owned, thus they will be different from what you may be accustomed to either at home or other place of business. The computers have been set up in a standard way to ensure that the data are secure and that the computers are stable.

2.0 RPCVs shall not attempt to change the computer setup in any way, including installing applications and/or changing settings. Any changes to the setup in any way may cause instability, security vulnerabilities, licensing problems, incompatibilities, and other problems that make the computer less productive for other Volunteers.

3.0 RPCVs shall not install Software on the RPCV Workstations. This includes games, Instant Messenger, Internet Chat Programs, utilities, etc.

4.0 RPCVs shall not engage in any inappropriate use of the Peace Corps-provided Internet Services. Inappropriate use includes:

- (a) Any personal use that could cause congestion, delay, or disruption of service to any government system or equipment. Examples of uses include, but are not limited to: greeting cards, large file attachments (including video and sound), “push” technology on the Internet such as Pointcast services, and continuous data streaming such as RealPlayer services;
- (b) Use of any government system for any “hacking” or “cracking,” including as a staging ground or platform to gain unauthorized access to other systems;
- (c) Knowingly creating, copying, transmitting, or retransmitting of chain letters or other unauthorized mass mailings regardless of the subject matter;
- (d) Use for activities that are illegal, inappropriate, or offensive to peers or the public. Such activities include, but are not limited to: hate speech, or material that ridicules others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation;
- (e) The creation, downloading, viewing, storage, copying, or transmission of sexually explicit or sexually oriented materials for non-business purposes;
- (f) The creation, downloading, viewing, storage, copying, or transmission of materials for participation in gambling, illegal weapons, terrorist activities, or any other illegal or prohibited activities;
- (g) The deliberate propagation of any virus, worm, Trojan horse, or trap-door program code;
- (h) The downloading of any software, including shareware and freeware, such as AOL Instant Messenger, and Kazza;
- (i) The attempt to disable, defeat or circumvent any Peace Corps security resource or service; and
- (j) The transmission of files containing sensitive data that are transferred in any way across the Internet without encryption.