

Internet Acceptable User Policy

All Minburn Communications Customers should read this document! Even if you don't read it, you are still responsible for the policy written here, and your account WILL BE DISABLED WITHOUT WARNING if you violate it.

Minburn Communications sets forth an Acceptable Use Policy with the intent of protecting our service, our customers, and other users of the Internet from potentially abusive actions taken by Minburn Communications customers. The following policy is non-exclusive; any action about which there is doubt should be referred to Minburn Communications for evaluation. Minburn Communications may alter this policy from time to time as need dictates. Updated policies will be posted on Minburn Communications website at <http://www.minburncomm.com> .

Statement of Responsibility

- Each Minburn Communications Internet account has a password that is the key to gain access to the account. The customer who registered the account is solely responsible for all access and actions taken with regard to the account. It is the account owner's responsibility to safeguard the account password and to ensure that Minburn Communications Acceptable Use Policies are honored. Minburn Communications will hold the account owner responsible for any violations of the AUP.
- Sites directly attached to the Minburn Communications backbone are expected to adhere to the Minburn Communications Acceptable Use Policies. The individual who signed the contract is responsible for educating site users on acceptable use policies. Violations of the AUP by directly attached sites will be referred to the contract signer for resolution. The contract signer will be held responsible for any violations of the AUP.
- Minburn Communications enforces these policies with respect to Minburn Communications customers only. We are not responsible for abusive actions which originate from other sites or networks on the Internet.

Acceptable Use: Network

Acceptable use of the Minburn Communications network facilities does NOT include:

- Attempting to circumvent user authentication or security of any host, network, or account on Minburn Communications systems or the Internet at large ("cracking"). This includes scanning or probing ports without the consent of the owner of the machine being scanned.
- Use of Minburn Communications systems or networks (willfully or negligently) in a manner that encumbers disk space, processors, bandwidth, or other system resources so as to interfere with others' normal use of services on Minburn Communications or other systems and networks ("denial of service" attack).
- Activities which violate local, state, or federal statutes.

Acceptable Use: Shell/Telnet Access

Acceptable use of shell/telnet access does NOT include:

- Unauthorized access.
- Running background processes after you have logged out.
- Compiling and running foreign binaries without express written consent of Minburn Communications.
- Activities which violate local, state, or federal statutes.

Acceptable Use: Domain Names

Minburn Communications provides domain name service for Dedicated Connection, Enhanced Showcase, and UUCP customers. Keeping registry information updated and accurate is the responsibility of the domain holder and not Minburn Communications. Acceptable use of the Minburn Communications domain name service does NOT include:

- Falsifying or omitting valid domain contact information, including the administrative, technical, zone, and billing contacts.

Acceptable Use: Email

Acceptable use of Email does NOT include:

- Sending unsolicited mass mailings of any nature, including those with a "negative option" for continuation. The negative option is inviting those who do not wish to receive more email to reply to you.
- Sending a large number of email messages, or singularly large email messages, to a single address in order to flood someone's mailbox.
- Forging email headers to obscure the true originator of the message.
- Creating or participating in pyramid schemes or chain letters.
- Sending harassing email, either by language, size, or frequency. This includes sending email (or real time) messages to a person who has asked explicitly that you do not.
- Activities which violate local, state, or federal statutes.

Acceptable Use: Usenet

Acceptable use of Minburn Communications Usenet News service does NOT include:

- Posting unsolicited messages to a large number of Usenet newsgroups either by cross-posting or posting to individual groups ("spamming").
- Attempting to cancel, supersede, or otherwise interfere with Usenet posts other than one's own.
- Blatant posting of articles which violate the named charter for specific newsgroups.
- Publishing someone's real-world data (such as phone number, address, social security number, etc.) in such a way as to cause the person trouble or to incite others to do so.
- Forging Usenet header information to obscure the true originator of the message.
- Activities that violate local, state, or federal statutes.

Acceptable Use: Dial-up Access

- Dial-up connections to Minburn Communications that are idle for 20 minutes or longer, or connected for more than 24 hours continuously, will be disconnected. Idle time is defined as a period during which no input or output is sent or received across the modem connection.
- Multiple simultaneous logins to a single Minburn Communications dial-up account are prohibited.
- While our service is unlimited, it is not a dedicated modem connection. Use of Minburn Communications dial-up service as a dedicated modem connection through use of re-dialers and idle-time traffic generators is prohibited.
- Dialup accounts with only 1-800 number access are considered abandoned if unaccessed for three consecutive months. Minburn Communications will remove abandoned accounts on the first of the month without notice unless you make special arrangements in advance.
- Activities which violate local, state, or federal statutes.

Acceptable Use: Web/FTP Sites

Acceptable use of Minburn Communications web/FTP space does NOT include:

- Distribution of pornographic or otherwise indecent or offending materials.
- Distribution of restricted software or materials in violation of copyrights or distribution licenses.
- Distribution of materials which violates local, state, or federal statutes.

Minburn Communications reserves the right to restrict or terminate service without refund in the event of an AUP violation. Minburn Communications also reserves the right to take action on abuse which is not specifically named in this AUP at the sole discretion of Minburn Communications. Use of the Minburn Communications systems and network constitutes understanding and agreement of this policy.