MEDIA PROTECTION STANDARD

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Responsible Office:	**Office of Information Technology**
Responsible Executive:	**Chief Information Officer**

Applies to: All employees, students, visitors, and contractors, in all academic and operational departments and offices at all Norfolk State University locations, and to all university information technology and data, whether owned and operated by the university, or used for university business through contractual arrangements.

STANDARD STATEMENT

All individuals to whom this standard applies shall comply with the Norfolk State University Information Security Standards and protect all IT systems and data to which they have access commensurate with sensitivity and risk. All university information technology and data whether owned and operated by the university or used for university business through contractual arrangements shall be managed and protected in accordance with the provisions of the Norfolk State University Information Security Standards.

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DEFINITIONS

Authorization: The process of verifying that a requested action or service is approved for a specific entity.

Authorize: A decision to grant access, typically automated by evaluating a subject's attributes.

Authorized: A system entity or actor that has been granted the right, permission, or capability to access a system resource.

Availability: The property that data or information is accessible and usable upon demand by an authorized person and that timely, reliable access to data and information services is provided for authorized users.

Computer Network: Two or more computers that can share information, typically connected by cable, data line, or satellite link.

Confidentiality: Protection of systems and data so that unauthorized parties cannot view the data, the property that sensitive information is not disclosed to unauthorized entities, and the assurance that information is not disclosed to unauthorized individuals or processes.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI): Information the Federal government owns or has created that needs to be safeguarded and disseminated using only controls consistent with Federal laws, regulations and policies.

Data Custodian: An individual or organization in physical or logical possession of data for Data Owners. Data Custodians are responsible for protecting the data in their possession from unauthorized access, alteration, destruction, or usage and for providing and administering general controls, such as back-up and recovery systems.

Data Owner: An individual who defines, manages, and controls the use of data and ensures compliance with the Information Security Standards with respect to the data.

Information Security: The policies, standards, guidelines, processes, activities, and actions taken to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information systems and the data they handle commensurate with sensitivity and risk.

Information Security Incident: means an adverse event or situation, whether intentional or accidental, that poses an enterprise impact or threat to the integrity, availability, or confidentiality of university data or systems or requires reporting based upon regulatory requirements.

Information Technology (IT) System: An interconnected set of IT resources under the same direct management control.

Integrity: Guarding against improper information modification or destruction, including ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity.

Intellectual Property: Please refer to the BOV POLICY # 35 (2019) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY.

Sensitive System: A system that processes any data of which the compromise with respect to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability could have a material adverse effect on NSU interests, the conduct of NSU programs, or the privacy to which individuals are entitled. Please refer to the 32-02 - Data Classification Policy

Sensitive Information/Data: Any data of which the compromise with respect to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability could have a material adverse effect on COV interests, the conduct of agency programs, or the privacy to which individuals are entitled. Please refer to the 32-02 - Data Classification Policy

System Administrator: An individual or entity that implements, manages, and/or operates a system at the direction of the System Owner, Data Owner, and/or Data Custodian.

System Owner: An individual or entity responsible for the operation and maintenance of an IT system.

Technological Resources: Technological resources include but are not limited to: computers and terminals, software, printers, networks and equipment, telecommunication equipment and services such as telephones, facsimile machines, modems, basic and long distance calling service, and voicemail; television and radio systems and equipment; computer information systems; and, data files and/or documents managed or maintained by the University which reside on disk, tape or other media. Technology resources also include multimedia equipped classrooms, computer classrooms, computer laboratories, computer offices, and computer furnishings operated or maintained by NSU.

Users: Faculty, staff and students as well as others who have been authorized to use Norfolk State University's technological resources, (e.g., contractors, interns, volunteers, etc.).

CONTACT(S)

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) officially interprets this standard. OIT is responsible for obtaining approval for any revisions as required through the appropriate governance structures. Questions regarding this standard should be directed to OIT Security.

STAKEHOLDER(S)

University Faculty & Staff
Students
Others who have been authorized to use Norfolk State University's technological resources.

MEDIA PROTECTION (MP)

NSU-MP-1 MEDIA ACCESS

a. Restrict access to digital and non-digital media to only authorized individuals.

NSU-MP-2 MEDIA MARKING

a. Mark system media indicating the distribution limitations, handling caveats, and applicable security markings (if any) of the information; and

b. Exempt organization-defined types of system media from marking if the media remain within organization-defined controlled areas.

NSU-MP-3 MEDIA STORAGE

a. Physically control and securely store digital and non-digital media within organization-defined controlled areas; and

~~b.~~ Protect system media until the media are destroyed or sanitized using approved equipment, techniques, and procedures.

NSU-MP-4 MEDIA TRANSPORT

a. Protect and control digital and non-digital media during transport outside of controlled areas;

b. Maintain accountability for system media during transport outside of controlled areas;

c. Document activities associated with the transport of system media;

d. Restrict the activities associated with the transport of system media to authorized personnel; and

e. Employ an identified custodian during transport of system media outside of controlled areas.

NSU-MP-5 MEDIA SANITIZATION

a. Sanitize system media prior to disposal, release out of organizational control, or release for reuse using organization-defined sanitization techniques and procedures;

b. Employ sanitization mechanisms with strength and integrity commensurate with the security category or classification of the information; and

c. Review, approve, track, document, and verify media sanitization and disposal actions.

NSU-MP-6 MEDIA USE

a. Protection of stored sensitive data is the responsibility of the Data Owner.

b. Prohibit the storage of sensitive data on any non-network storage device or media, except for backup media, unless the data is encrypted and there is a written exception approved by the Agency Head accepting all residual risks. The exception shall include following elements:

   1. Business or technical justification;
   2. The scope, including quantification and duration (not to exceed one year) ;
   3. A description of all associated risks;
   4. Identification of controls to mitigate the risks, one of which must be encryption; and
   5. Identification of any residual risks.

c. Prohibit the storage of any University data on IT systems that are not under the contractual control of the University.

d. Prohibit the connection of any non-University owned or leased data storage media or device to a NSU-owned or leased resource, unless connecting to a guest network or guest resources. This prohibition need not apply to an approved vendor providing operational IT support services under contract.

e. Prohibit the auto forwarding of emails to external accounts to prevent data leakage unless there is a documented business case disclosing residual risk approved in writing by the Agency Head.

f. Restrict the use of organization-defined types of information system media on organization-defined information systems or system components using organization-defined security controls;

g. Prohibit the use of portable storage devices in organization systems when such devices have no identifiable owner; and

h. Prohibit the use of sanitization-resistant media that do not have a secure erase function/feature/tool in organizational systems.

EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE

This standard shall be widely published and distributed to the University community. To ensure timely publication and distribution thereof, the Responsible Office will make every effort to:

- Communicate the standard in writing, electronic or otherwise, to the University community within 30 days of approval;
- Post the standard on the appropriate website; and
- Educate and train all stakeholders and appropriate audiences on the standard's content, as necessary. Failure to meet the publication requirements does not invalidate this standard.

The Chief Information Security Officer (or designee) is responsible for official interpretation of this standard. Questions regarding the application of this standard should be directed to the Office of Information Technology. The Chief Information Security Officer reserves the right to revise or eliminate this standard.

Violations of this standard, including without limitation any misuse of data or IT resources may result in the limitation or revocation of access to University IT resources. In addition, failure to comply with requirements of this standard may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies, and may violate federal, state, or local laws.

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this standard must be documented in writing and approved by the Vice President for Operations and Chief Strategist, the Chief Information Officer, and the Chief Information Security Officer.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

- Next Scheduled Review: 10/21/2027
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RELATED DOCUMENTS

32-01 - Acceptable Use of Technological Resources
https://www.nsu.edu/policy/admin-32-01.aspx
32-02 - Data Classification Policy
https://www.nsu.edu/policy/admin-32-02.aspx
38-10 - Information Security Policy
https://www.nsu.edu/policy/bov-38-10.aspx