



## Acceptable Use Policy

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You may use your PemTel.net account for communications, research, public relations, education, and entertainment. This statement describes certain uses that are consistent with the purposes of PemTel.net and the Internet. It is not intended to exhaustively list all such possible uses or abuses. We expect our subscribers to respect the culture and civility of communication and discourse on or through the Internet. We expect our subscribers to maintain respect for privacy, legal issues, and courtesy to other Internet users and network resources.

### **Ethical Guidelines:**

We expect you to:

- Obey all federal and state laws regarding your use of the Internet and information obtained or transmitted
- Respect the ownership of information including copyright and license agreements
- Be courteous in your use of the Internet and network resources
- Respect the opinions of others and their right to voice those opinions
- Respect the culture and civility of communication and discourse on or through the Internet

### **Legal Issues:**

You may not use PemTel Internet:

- For any purpose which violates US federal or state laws
- Respect the ownership of information including copyright and license agreements
- To interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment including distributing unsolicited advertising, propagating computer worms or viruses, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to other computational, information, or communications devices or resources
- To transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials

### **Network Integrity and Efficiency:**

You may not use PemTel Internet connection:

- In a manner that precludes or significantly hampers its use by others
- To send messages likely to result in the loss of recipients' work or systems
- To send or respond to "chain letters"
- To broadcast messages to lists or individuals that have not explicitly expressed an interest in such messages particularly where such use causes congestion of the networks or otherwise interferes with the work of others
- To intentionally develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage or alter the software components of a computer or computing system

**Courtesy:**

You must be courteous in your use of the Internet. Please:

- Respect the privacy of other users; for example, you should not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or represent yourself as another user unless explicitly authorized to do so by that user. Respect the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data
- Use the Internet in ways consistent with ethical guidelines and accepted community standards; malicious use is not acceptable
- Follow the Acceptable Use Policies of any networks you may use as an ftp or telnet site
- Be aware that many networks are production or communications networks that many people rely on for business, education, or communications; uses that significantly interfere with the ability of others to make effective use of the network are not acceptable
- Assume that information and resources are private to the individuals and organizations which own or hold rights to those resources and information unless specifically stated otherwise by the owners or holders of rights; it is not acceptable to use PemTel.net Internet to access information or resources unless permission to do so has been granted by the owners or holders of rights to those resources or information.

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By subscribing to PemTel's Internet Services, you are agreeing to abide by these Acceptable Use Policies as well as the Rules & Regulations/Terms of Use.

If you have any questions regarding any information contained in these documents call our office at (540) 626-7111.