UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
Information Technology
Security Policies

Subject: Information Security Peer-to-Peer file sharing policy	**Coverage:** OUHSC
Policy #: Information Security-P#12.1	**Version:** 1.8
Regulation: HEOA, DMCA, HIPAA, PCI-DSS	**Approved:** 02/15/11
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Purpose:	Limiting P2P file sharing reduces the risks of malicious code infection and unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive University data. P2P file-sharing introduces significant security risks especially when files are shared with unknown computers on the Internet. These risks include installation of malicious code, exposure of sensitive or personal information, denial of service attacks, or violation of University and state policies or federal laws. The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires all U.S. universities to combat the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials by users of its network, including the use of one or more technology-based deterrents. This includes deterrents to the unauthorized uploading and downloading of copyrighted works through P2P file sharing. Limiting unauthorized P2P file sharing also preserves network capacity required to support University voice, video, and data services.
Policy:	Peer-to-Peer (P2P) file sharing is permitted only if formally approved and authorized. Use of P2P file sharing for University academic, research or clinical purposes that does not violate the law or University policy or compromise network integrity or security may be permitted with approval by administration. A registration process for requesting use of P2P file sharing will be maintained on the OUHSC IT website.
Scope/Applicability:	This policy is applicable to all OUHSC and all OU Health Care Component workforce members, and those performing services for OUHSC and OU Health Care Components
Regulatory Reference:	Higher Education Opportunity Act, The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), University Copyright policy, University Acceptable Use of Information Systems Policy.
Definitions:	See the Information Security Policy Definitions document for definitions
Enforcement/Audit:	P2P file sharing will be restricted on the network and computing systems by one or more technology-based deterrents to allow only registered use.
Renewal/Review:	This policy is to be reviewed and updated as needed by IT Information Security Services.