

Acceptable Use Policy

This Acceptable Use Policy ("Policy") specifies the actions prohibited by NTS to users of the NTS network. NTS reserves the right to modify the Policy at any time, effective immediately upon posting of the modified Policy. Indirect or attempted violations of this Policy, and actual or attempted violations by a third party on behalf of an NTS customer or a customer's end user shall be considered violations of the Policy by such customer or end user. NTS reserves the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion if a violation of this Acceptable Use Policy has occurred.

Unlawful or Harmful Use:

The NTS Network may only be used for lawful purposes and in a manner that is not harmful to other users. Transmission, distribution, or storage of any material in violation of any applicable law, regulation, right, or license is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, material protected by copyright, trademark, trade secret, other intellectual property right which is distributed, stored, or transmitted without proper authorization, material covered by any export control law, and material which is obscene, defamatory, libelous, threatening, or harassing in nature.

Security Issues:

Any violation or attempted violation of any system or network security element is prohibited, and may result in criminal and civil liability. NTS will investigate incidents involving such violations and will cooperate with law enforcement if a criminal violation is suspected. Examples of system or network security violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Unauthorized access to or use of data, systems, or networks, including any attempt to probe, scan, or test the vulnerability of a system or network or to breach security or authentication measures without express authorization of the owner of the system or network.
2. Unauthorized monitoring of data or traffic on any network or system without express authorization of the owner of the system or network.
3. Interference with service to any user, host, or network including, without limitation, mail bombing, flooding, deliberate attempts to overload a system, and broadcast attacks.
4. Forging of any TCP-IP packet header or any part of the header information in an e-mail or a newsgroup posting.

Electronic Messaging and e-mail:

Causing unsolicited messages ("Spam") of any sort to be transmitted is prohibited. This prohibition includes, without limitation, unsolicited commercial messages, unsolicited advertising, or unsolicited informational announcements. This prohibition applies equally to Spam sent through or via the NTS network and to Spam sent over other networks, but which directs the recipient to sites hosted by or accessed through the use of the NTS Network.

A user shall not use another site's mail server to relay mail without the express permission of the site. The use of any electronic messaging for the purpose of soliciting e-mail for any e-mail address other than that of the poster's account or service, or with the intent to harass, annoy, or e-mail-bomb, or for the purpose of collecting e-mail addresses or IP header information is prohibited. The forging of message header information is prohibited. A user may not permit its server to be used as a relay for Spam.

Newsgroups:

Posting the same or similar message to more than three USENET newsgroups is prohibited. Posting the same or similar message to any newsgroup more than twice a day is prohibited. Posting advertisements in a newsgroup whose charters or FAQ's prohibit the posting of advertisements is prohibited. The poster of an advertisement or other information is responsible for determining the types of postings permitted in a given newsgroup prior to posting to it. A newsgroup's charter or FAQ shall be considered conclusive on the matter of what is and is not permitted in a given newsgroup.

Posting chain letters of any type is prohibited.

The cancellation or superseding of posts other than your own, with the exception of official newsgroup moderators performing their duties is prohibited.

Forging of header information is prohibited. This includes any attempt to circumvent the approval process for posting to a moderated newsgroup.

Solicitations of mail for any e-mail address other than that of the poster's account or service, with intent to harass, annoy, e-mail bomb, SPAM, or to collect e-mail addresses or IP header information, is prohibited.

Contacts:

Complaints regarding possible violations of the NTS Internet Acceptable Use Policy should be sent to abuse@ntscom.com.