



## HardyNet Network Acceptable Use Policy

You may use your account for communications, research, public relations, education, and entertainment. This statement describes certain uses which are consistent with the purposes of 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 communications 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. HardyNet reserves the right to take reasonable and non-discriminatory measures to protect its network through the management of bandwidth and transmission of content and applications to its customers. Reasonable network management of congestion in the HardyNet network is necessary in order to preserve reasonable and non-discriminatory access to all customers and IP application providers. **For more information, please see the HardyNet Network Management Policies Disclosure document.**

**NOTE: Reselling or redistribution of HardyNet bandwidth is strictly prohibited. Violation of this policy may result in immediate termination of the HardyNet Installation and Service Level Agreement and Operating Policies, and the customer will assume responsibility for all applicable fees and penalties associated with early contract termination. For more information, please see the HardyNet Network Management Policies Disclosure document.**

### Legal Issues

#### You may NOT use your account:

- For any purpose which violates U.S. federal, state, or local laws, including, but not limited to, laws regarding copyright protection, privacy, and fraud.
- 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 or Efficiency

#### You may NOT use your account:

- 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 broadcast a message 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.
- Reselling or redistribution of HardyNet bandwidth is strictly prohibited.
- 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.

### Commercial Use

Many networks, sponsored by government or educational institutions, still have stringent restrictions on commercial use. While the opportunities for commercial use are extremely attractive, there are accepted

methods of accomplishing commercial objectives. Other Internet users must seek out or ask for the information.

You must appropriately market, advertise, or circulate public relations for your products or services; for example, you may create a World Wide Web site to advertise products or services and give support ordering instructions, or you may start a news group to open a forum for discussions. Other Internet users may then choose to view your Web pages or participate in discussions.

Unsolicited advertising is not acceptable. Advertising is permitted on some mailing lists and news groups if they explicitly allow advertising.

At the sole discretion of HardyNet, violations of any of the above regulations may result in disabling and/or termination of services.

### **Contact Us**

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