

## SAFEGUARDING SYSTEM PASSWORDS

#### **POLICY**

UCA system accounts and passwords are the property of the University of Central Arkansas. No one shall disclose a UCA system password that has been assigned to them.

### Comments

Accounts are assigned to specific individuals to grant access to services and information that can be sensitive or confidential. Account information may not be shared with anyone else. Disclosure of passwords can allow someone access to systems or information for which they are not authorized. If you believe your password has been compromised, change it immediately. If you need assistance, contact the <a href="IT Help Desk">IT Help Desk</a>.

Unauthorized disclosure of passwords is also a violation of state law and can be grounds for disciplinary action as set forth in the appropriate UCA handbook.

### **Arkansas Computer Crime Status**

5-41-206. Computer password disclosure

- (a) A person commits computer password disclosure if the person purposely and without authorization discloses a number, code, password, or other means of access to a computer or computer network.
- **(b)** Computer password disclosure is a Class A misdemeanor.
- **(c)** If the violation of subsection (a) of this section was committed to devise or execute a scheme to defraud or illegally obtain property, the person is guilty of a Class D felony.

# Review/Revision Tracking

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