



Policies and Benefits

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Information Technology's Information Resource Security Program

As one of the largest agencies in the state, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) relies on a published set of policy statements to operate efficiently and in accordance with the law. Some important information security and computer-use policies can be found in the Information Resource Security Program (IRSP).

The IRSP is developed, implemented and administered by the Information Security Officer, and specifically fulfills TDCJ's needs while maintaining compliance with Title 1, Chapter 202 of the Texas Administrative Code, a rule promulgated by the Department of Information Resources which regulates how state agencies secure their information. It is important that every TDCJ employee utilizing the agency's information systems

know the policies and protocols contained in the IRSP and be aware that it should not be shared with anyone outside of TDCJ because some of the information is sensitive.



The IRSP, available only on the TDCJ Intranet, provides agency staff with access to critical information security policies on

many subjects, to include: computer account management, acceptable use of information resources and Internet, media sanitization, network access, passwords and portable computing. Every staff member who uses a TDCJ computer, terminal, thin client, or connects to the TDCJ network is responsible for complying with standards as they appear in the IRSP. Employees whose work computers cannot log onto the TDCJ Intranet should ask their supervisor to arrange access to IRSP information as needed.

The Information Technology Division works hard to protect our computer information, as well as staff members' personal data, but security precautions can only work if users take time to find them, learn them and put them into action. If you have any questions about the IRSP, contact the agency's Information Security department at 936-437-1800. ●