

# INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

This Acceptable Use Policy specifies the actions prohibited by Mid-States Services, LLC. ("MID-STATES") to users of the GRUNDYEC.NET Network. MID-STATES reserves the right to modify the Policy at any time, effective upon posting of the modified Policy to this URL: <http://www.mid-states.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Acceptable-Use-Policy.pdf>.

## **Illegal use**

The MID-STATES Network may be used only for lawful purposes and expressly prohibits customers/subscribers from engaging in illegal activity. Transmission, distribution or storage of any material in violation of any applicable law or regulation is prohibited. This includes, without limitation, material protected by copyright, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual property right used without proper authorization, and material that is obscene, defamatory, constitutes an illegal threat, or violates export control laws.

## **System and network security**

Violations of system or network security are prohibited, and may result in criminal and civil liability. MID-STATES will investigate incidents involving such violations and may involve and will cooperate with law enforcement if a criminal violation is suspected. Examples of system or network security violations include, without limitation, the following:

- 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.
- Unauthorized monitoring of data or traffic on any network or system without express authorization of the owner of the system or network.
- Interference with service to any user, host or network including, without limitation, mailbombing, flooding, deliberate attempts to overload a system and broadcast attacks.
- Forging of any TCP-IP packet header or any part of the header information in an email or a newsgroup posting.

## **Email**

Sending unsolicited mail messages, including, without limitation, commercial advertising and informational announcements, is explicitly prohibited. A user shall not use another site's mail server to relay mail without the express permission of the site.

## **Robocalling**

Creating a false Caller ID (i.e., spoofing) and robocalling is expressly prohibited. Any suspicious activity will be investigated and if the Customer is engaging in, or has engaged in creating a false Caller ID or spoofing caller ID's and performing robocalling will have their services terminated.

## **Usenet**

Posting the same or similar message to one or more newsgroups (excessive cross-posting or multiple-posting, also known as "SPAM") is explicitly prohibited.

INDIRECT OR ATTEMPTED VIOLATIONS OF THE POLICY, AND ACTUAL OR ATTEMPTED VIOLATIONS BY A THIRD PARTY ON BEHALF OF A MID-STATES CUSTOMER OR A CUSTOMER'S END USER, SHALL BE CONSIDERED VIOLATIONS OF THE POLICY BY SUCH CUSTOMER OR END USER.

Complaints regarding Illegal Use, System or Network Security issues, email abuse, or USENET abuse or SPAM should be sent to [abuse@grundyec.net](mailto:abuse@grundyec.net).