

# Technology Equipment Disposal Policy

## 1. Overview

Technology equipment often contains parts which cannot simply be thrown away. Proper disposal of equipment is both environmentally responsible and often required by law. In addition, hard drives, USB drives, CD-ROMs and other storage media contain various kinds of ChilledWeb data, some of which is considered sensitive. In order to protect our constituent's data, all storage mediums must be properly erased before being disposed of. However, simply deleting or even formatting data is not considered sufficient. When deleting files or formatting a device, data is marked for deletion, but is still accessible until being overwritten by a new file. Therefore, special tools must be used to securely erase data prior to equipment disposal.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the guidelines for the disposal of technology equipment and components owned by ChilledWeb.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to any computer/technology equipment or peripheral devices that are no longer needed within ChilledWeb including, but not limited to the following: personal computers, servers, hard drives, laptops, mainframes, smart phones, or handheld computers ( i.e., Windows Mobile, iOS or Android-based devices), peripherals (i.e., keyboards, mice, speakers), printers, scanners, typewriters, compact and floppy discs, portable storage devices (i.e., USB drives), backup tapes, printed materials.

All ChilledWeb employees and affiliates must comply with this policy.

## 4. Policy

### 4.1 Technology Equipment Disposal

- 4.1.1 When Technology assets have reached the end of their useful life they should be sent to the Head office for proper disposal.
- 4.1.2 The Directors will assign an individual to securely erase all storage mediums in accordance with current industry best practices.
- 4.1.3 All data including, all files and licensed software shall be removed from equipment using disk sanitizing software that cleans the media overwriting each and every disk sector of the machine with zero-filled blocks, meeting Department of Defense standards.
- 4.1.4 No computer or technology equipment may be sold to any individual.
- 4.1.5 No computer equipment should be disposed of via skips, dumps, landfill etc. Electronic recycling bins may be periodically placed in locations around ChilledWeb. These can be used to dispose of equipment. The Director assigned individual will properly remove all data prior to final disposal.

- 4.1.6 All electronic drives must be degaussed or overwritten with a commercially available disk cleaning program. Hard drives may also be removed and rendered unreadable (drilling, crushing or other demolition methods).
- 4.1.7 Computer Equipment refers to desktop, laptop, tablet or netbook computers, printers, copiers, monitors, servers, handheld devices, telephones, cell phones, disc drives or any storage device, network switches, routers, wireless access points, batteries, backup tapes, etc.
- 4.1.8 The Director assigned individual will mark the equipment case indicating the disk wipe has been performed. The mark will include the date and the initials of the individual who performed the disk wipe.
- 4.1.9 Technology equipment with non-functioning memory or storage technology will have the memory or storage device removed and it will be physically destroyed.

## **5. Policy Compliance**

### **5.1 Compliance Measurement**

The Directors will verify compliance to this policy through various methods, including but not limited to, business tool reports, internal and external audits, and feedback to the policy owner.

### **5.2 Exceptions**

Any exception to the policy must be approved by the Directors in advance.

### **5.3 Non-Compliance**

An employee found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.