

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH POLICY 06-03-03

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SECTION: Campus Security
SUBJECT: Harassment by Telecommunication
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I. SCOPE

This policy establishes restrictions on the use of the University telecommunications systems, including telephones, telephone answering/recording devices, and facsimile (FAX) machines.

II. POLICY

The use of University telecommunications systems to make or send fraudulent, unlawful, or abusive calls or messages is prohibited. Faculty, staff, and students are to report any threatening, intimidating, or harassing telephone calls to the Department of Public Safety/Campus Security Office.

The Department of Public Safety/Campus Security Office is responsible for recording complaints of alleged misuse of the University telecommunications systems, and for investigating such instances with the assistance of the Office of Telecommunications. If the complainant should withdraw the complaint after the source of the harassment has been identified, the complainant may be liable for the University's cost of the investigation.

Any faculty, staff, or student identified as the initiator of fraudulent, unlawful, or abusive calls or messages will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Office of the Provost, the Office of Human Resources, or the Office of the Coordinator of the University Student Judicial System, as appropriate. In instances where harassing calls are identified as originating from outside the University, complaints will be filed with Bell of Pennsylvania or other appropriate telecommunications provider.

Making or sending fraudulent, unlawful, or abusive calls or messages violates University policy and is a crime under both state and federal laws. Violation of this policy may result in criminal charges and prosecution

III. REFERENCE

[Procedure CS 05, Harassment by Telecommunication](#) (formerly 06-03-03)