



Policy Number and Chapter: 04.024 Administration

Policy Title: Identity Theft Prevention Policy

Policy Statement. The University of North Texas (“University” or “UNT”) will develop, maintain and update an Identity Theft Prevention Program (“Program”) to detect, prevent, and mitigate Identity Theft in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission’s “Red Flags Rule” (16 CFR §681). The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) requires certain entities, including universities, to adopt a Program to help prevent identity theft. FTC regulations related to Identity Theft prevention are part of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act and are collectively known as the Red Flags Rule. In compliance with the Red Flags Rule, UNT’s Program is designed to better assist UNT units and departments in identifying someone who may try to use another individual’s identity to gain access to Covered Accounts at UNT. UNT’s Program is designed to detect, prevent and mitigate Identity Theft in connection with the opening of a Covered Account or any existing Covered Account.

Application of Policy. This policy applies to all employees and to students, faculty, staff, clients or patients that have a Covered Account with UNT.

Definitions.

1. **Account.** “Account” means any continuing financial relationship between UNT and an account holder that permits the account holder to obtain a product or service from UNT. It may involve the extension of credit for the purchase of a product or service, or a deposit account.

2. **Covered Account.** “Covered Account” means any student, staff, client or patient account that allows payment to be deferred; permits multiple payments or transactions, such as a loan that is billed or payable monthly; or poses a reasonably foreseeable risk of identity theft to consumers or businesses. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Participation in Federal Perkins Loan Program
 - Student Emergency Loan Program
 - Payment plans and promissory notes for covered student accounts
 - Payment plans for covered employee accounts, such as parking permit or donations

3. **Identity Theft.** “Identity Theft” means a fraud committed or attempted using the identifying information of another person without authorization.

4. **Information Resources.** “Information Resources” means the procedures, equipment and software that are employed, designed, built, operated and maintained to collect, record,

process, store, retrieve, display, and transmit information, and associated personnel including consultants and contractors.

5. Information Security. “Information Security” means the protection of information and Information Resources from threats in order to ensure business continuity, minimize business risks, and maximize the ability of the System, System Administration and Institutions to meet their goals and objectives, Information Security ensures the confidentiality, integrity and availability of Information Resources and information.
6. Personally Identifiable Information. “Personally Identifiable Information” means any name or number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with other information, to identify an individual, including, but not limited to:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Telephone Number
 - Social Security Number
 - Date of Birth
 - Government Issued Driver’s License Number or Identification Number
 - Alien Registration Number
 - Government Passport Number
 - Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number
 - Unique Electronic Identification Number
 - Computer’s Internet Protocol Address or Routing Code
 - UNT Assigned Student Identification Number
7. Red Flag. “Red Flag” means a suspicious pattern, practice or specific activity that indicates the possibility of Identity Theft and that occurs in connection with a Covered Account at UNT.

Procedures and Responsibilities.

- I. The Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration shall establish, maintain and regularly update a written Identity Theft Prevention Program that is in compliance with the FTC’s Red Flags Rule.

The Program must:

1. Identify Covered Accounts
2. Take into consideration UNT’s previous Identity Theft experiences
3. Take into consideration the methods UNT uses to open Accounts and provide access to them

Responsible Party: Senior VP for Finance and Administration

II. The Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration is responsible for oversight of UNT's Program. The Director of Business Development is designated as the Program Administrator and is responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining and day-to-day operation of the Program. The Program Administrator works with departmental or unit administrators in areas affected by the Red Flags Rule to ensure understanding and compliance with the Program. The Program Administrator also works in conjunction with the System's Information Security Officer to address Red Flags and Identity Theft issues related to Information Resources and Information Security.

Responsible Party: Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and the Director of Business Development

III. UNT departments or units are required to conduct periodic risk assessments to determine if the department or unit has responsibility for Covered Accounts, which should be recognized by and added to the Program.

Responsible Party: Heads of departments or units

IV. Departmental or unit administrators in areas affected by the Red Flags Rule are responsible for ensuring compliance with UNT's Program in their department or unit.

Responsible Party: Heads of departments or units affected by the Red Flags Rule and departmental or unit administrators in areas affected by the Red Flags Rule

V. The Program Administrator shall work in conjunction with the System's Information Security Officer to provide Identity Theft prevention training as needed to ensure understanding of and compliance with the Program by departmental or unit administrators in areas affected by the Red Flags Rule.

Responsible Party: Director of Business Development

VI. At least annually before the end of the fiscal year, departments and units that maintain Covered Accounts are required to make an identity theft prevention report to the Program Administrator in accordance with reporting requirements set forth in the written Program.

Responsible Party: Heads of departments or units in areas affected by the Red Flags Rule

VII. The Program Administrator is responsible for conducting an annual Program assessment and providing an annual report to the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Responsible Party: Director of Business Development

VIII. The Program will be reviewed annually by the Program Administrator in accordance with the review requirements set forth in the written Program. The annual review will include

input from the System’s Information Security Officer and UNT’s Information Security Officer (as applicable). After the risk assessment is conducted, the Program Administrator will recommend updates to the Identity Theft Prevention Policy and Program. The Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration will authorize updates as necessary, after any policy revisions have been approved by the President in accordance with UNT’s standard process for revising policies.

Responsible Party: President, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Director of Business Development

References and Cross-references.

16 Code of Federal Regulations §681

Forms and Tools

University of North Texas System Regents Rule 10.800
UNT Identity Theft Prevention Program
UNT System Information Security Handbook

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