

## **Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center**

### Policies and Procedures

Subject: Physical Access

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#### **PURPOSE**

**Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center** has adopted a set of procedures and measures to prevent and prohibit unauthorized access or damage to facilities that contain agency information systems.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy governs access to server rooms, wiring closets, communications closets and any other **Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center** networking or computing equipment.

#### **POLICY**

The I.T. Department has developed procedures to protect **Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center** computer assets from both environmental (water, heat) and human threats. These procedures include:

- Limiting physical access to the servers and network infrastructure equipment whenever possible. The **Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center** server equipment is stored in an area with restricted access. The communication equipment is secured in “non-public” areas of the site.
- Network and server equipment should be stored at a minimum of at least 6 inches off the floor whenever possible to reduce the possibility of water intrusion.
- Network/wiring closets should remain locked when unattended. Locks should allow only authorized staff access.
- The I.T. Department maintains a list of staff and contractors that are considered authorized for access. All others must be escorted by a member of the I.T. staff during access.
- Server rooms should remain in “non-public” areas with limited access and should not have direct exposure to external windows or doors.
- Desktop PCs shall be installed in secure areas that are locked after normal business hours or while unattended.
- Server equipment should use uninterrupted power supply (UPS) units to condition electricity quality and to provide electrical coverage in the event of a power outage.

## **PROCEDURE**

- The I.T. Department will review, and revise if necessary, the list of staff members authorized to access restricted areas.
- The list of staff members authorized to access the restricted areas will be prominently posted near the entrance of the restricted area(s).
- I.T. will provide on-going training or announcements to remind authorized, as well as some unauthorized, staff members of this requirement. Additionally, this reminder will be a component presented in I.T. Departmental meetings at least twice per year.
- Restricted areas will be clearly marked as such.

## **VIOLATION REPORTING**

Any observed misuse or violation of this policy should be immediately reported to one of the following persons:

- Executive Director,
- Chief Financial Officer,
- Security Officer

## **DEFINITIONS**

Authorized staff – In general terms this is staff with roles that would require access to the restricted areas. Examples would include I.T. staff, Operations staff and Leadership Team members.

## **SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Internet Security Forum (2007), The Standard of Good Practice for Information Security, Critical Business Applications (CB 3.1, CB 3.3), Computer Installations (CI 2.8, CI 4.1), Security Management (SM 4.5), Networks (NW 3.4), End User Environment (UE 6.4).

The Joint Commission Standards (2009), *Maintain Security & Integrity of Health Information (IM 02.01.03).*