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Joint Education Institute – E-Resources Acceptable Usage Policy

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RCSI E-Resources (e.g. e-books) Acceptable Usage Policy for the RCSI/SUDA Joint Education Institute Staff & Student Cohorts

This policy is in addition to the 'RCSI Acceptable Usage Policy' for RCSI Computing and Network Systems which governs acceptable use of RCSI provided network accounts, networks and equipment.

Permitted Uses

As a current member of the RCSI University of Medicine & Health Sciences, faculty (including Honorary Appointments), staff or student body it is generally acceptable to:

- Use the Library's subscribed e-resources for scholarly, educational or scientific research, teaching and private study
- Make a limited number of electronic copies of material for personal non-commercial use
- Link to specific content hosted on the publisher's/vendor's site

Prohibited Uses

It is not acceptable to:

- Download large amounts of material in a systematic manner (e.g., entire books or journal issues, or large-scale downloading from e-resources to create a body of data somewhere else). Please pay attention to download limits within each e-resource.
- To use robots, spiders or intelligent agents to access, search and/or systematically download from RCSI subscribed e-resources.
- To use the content of subscribed e-resources with AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools.
- Use content from e-resources for commercial purposes, re-publish, redistribute or alter content.
- Remove, alter or obscure the vendor's copyright notices
- In any way make content from e-resources available to non-RCSI current users, for example:
 - by posting full text content online on any website, listserv, mailing list, etc.
 - by forwarding via email or storage device any full text material contained in an e-resource to non RCSI members
 - by sharing your RCSI login credentials to allow others to login with the potential of accessing the Library's subscribed e-resources
- Use e-resource content for other purposes that violate the RCSI guidelines
- Many licenses prohibit the downloading and posting of licensed content on another server, even if for use in secure sites like Moodle. In general, it is required to create a link in a course module that points back to the original publisher/vendor website

You are encouraged to look for the "Terms of Use" link (or similar) found in many resources for more specific information regarding standard Fair Usage guidelines of e-resources. You should also familiarise yourself with RCSI's Acceptable Usage Policy for RCSI Computing and Network Systems.

It is the responsibility of every member of the RCSI community, staff and student body, to ensure their RCSI network account credentials are not used in breach of any terms and conditions listed above. Be aware that claiming a lack of awareness of the above Usage Policy does not constitute an excuse for lack of adherence.

Publishers and vendors automatically monitor the use of e-resources to ensure that the terms of use are being adhered to. Breach of license will cause the vendor to block the entire community of the RCSI University of Medicine & Health Sciences from accessing these resources.