Information Services

Birkbeck Information Security Policy

Code of Practice 3: Birkbeck Web Standards

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1 Context

This Code of Practice forms part of the Birkbeck IT Regulations. For more information, contact Birkbeck IT Services, a link to their contact details is available on the Birkbeck IT Regulations page.

2 Introduction

This Code of Practice sets out the current standards required for all Birkbeck web presences and referenced in Supporting Policy 10: Web presence policy.

3 Technical Standards

As a minimum, all official College web pages (including those provided by third parties – see Supporting Policy 10: Birkbeck Web Presence Policy) must be developed to the following technical standards:

3.1 Accessibility requirements – we are required to have all our public web pages (and published documents) WCAG 2.1 AA compliant. See https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/

3.2 The OWASP Top 10 is a list of the top 10 web application security risks. All web presences shall be expected not to be vulnerable to at least the top 10 risks (these change over time). The College will check websites on a regular basis and any found to be vulnerable will be isolated or taken down as they would pose a risk to the College. See https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/

3.3 Site owners must adhere to College requirements for websites (see the Marketing and External Relations Connect Site).