

OMS Surveys *Information Technology Policies*

The goal of this survey and resulting [SPEC Kit 218](#) was to gather and present data on the development of institutional information technology policies and guidelines for responsible computing and use of electronic information; to identify the scope of such policies and guidelines; and to determine the role of the library in the development and/or use of the policies and guidelines.

Specifically addressed are promoting user awareness of policies; the participants in developing those policies; the relationship to other institutional policies or guiding principles; issues concerning access and use; Internet access, personal homepages and linking to commercial sites; copyright and intellectual ownership; areas for future policy development; incidents of improper computer usage; and who should be developing these policies: the institutions or the federal government.

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