

**Sec. 11.46.740. Criminal use of computer.**

(a) A person commits the offense of criminal use of a computer if, having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe the person has such a right, the person knowingly accesses, causes to be accessed, or exceeds the person's authorized access to a computer, computer system, computer program, computer network, or any part of a computer system or network, and, as a result of or in the course of that access,

(1) obtains information concerning a person;

(2) introduces false information into a computer, computer system, computer program, or computer network with the intent to damage or enhance the data record or the financial reputation of a person;

(3) introduces false information into a computer, computer system, computer program, or computer network and, with criminal negligence, damages or enhances the data record or the financial reputation of a person;

(4) obtains proprietary information of another person;

(5) obtains information that is only available to the public for a fee;

(6) introduces instructions, a computer program, or other information that tampers with, disrupts, disables, or destroys a computer, computer system, computer program, computer network, or any part of a computer system or network; or

(7) encrypts or decrypts data.

(b) In this section, "proprietary information" means scientific, technical, or commercial information, including a design, process, procedure, customer list, supplier list, or customer records that the holder of the information has not made available to the public.

(c) Criminal use of a computer is a class C felony.

**History -**

(Sec. 3 ch 79 SLA 1984; am Sec. 11, 12 ch 65 SLA 2000)

**Revisors Notes -**

Subsection (b) was enacted as (c). Relettered in 2000, at which time former subsection (b) was relettered as (c).

**Amendment Notes -**

The 2000 amendment, effective May 23, 2000, in subsection (a) inserted ", or exceeds the person's authorized access to" and "or in the course of" in the introductory language, inserted "computer program" and "or the financial reputation" in paragraph (2), and added paragraphs (3)-(7); and added subsection (c).

**Collateral Refs -**

Criminal liability for theft of, interference with, or unauthorized use of, computer programs, files, or systems, 51 ALR4th 1046.