Sheffield Ethical Student Hackers Society

Code of Conduct

As a member/visitor/attendee of the Sheffield Ethical Student Hackers Society (from herein referred to as 'The Society'), you are required to adhere to the following code of conduct at all times. Failure to comply with the code of conduct is considered a serious breach of trust and will, without fail, lead to disciplinary action within The Society. Disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion from The Society, referral to the Students' Union/University's disciplinary procedures and in extreme cases, the relevant legal authorities.

Ethical Hacking is a fun and rewarding activity, but it is important to realise the potentially devastating effects **your** actions may inadvertently have if penetration testing skills are used irresponsibly. The primary aim of The Society is to offer a safe, legal environment for members to learn and practice cutting-edge cyber security techniques.

Please ensure you thoroughly understand the following rules governing the activities The Society undertake on a day-to-day basis. If you have any queries regarding it, please contact any committee member.

1) You agree to adhere to all relevant local, national and international laws governing computer misuse and hacking. Notably, The Computer Misuse Act 1990, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and Serious Crime Act 2015.
2) You understand that The Society, Sheffield Students' Union and The University of Sheffield **will not** be taken responsible for any actions undertaken with the tools or techniques explained during The Society's activities.
3) The Society will offer an isolated, designated platform for hacking activities to be undertaken upon, on a best-effort basis. It is solely your responsibility to ensure that any hacking activities you undertake only occur on The Society's platform, your own equipment or on 3rd-party systems where you have **explicit** written permission.
4) You **must not** activate or utilise any hacking tools/techniques whilst connected to the Internet through the University's network *i.e eduroam* unless otherwise explicitly specified.
5) When utilising your own equipment at an event operated by The Society, **you** are solely responsible for ensuring that it is correctly configured. Specifically, you must ensure that networking settings do not compromise the availability of The Society's infrastructure or exposes yourself or others to danger.
6) Where The Society utilises or recommends 3rd-party services, there will be a full debrief regarding the specific rules and regulations governing these services before use.
7) If you are in **any** doubt about the technical, legal or ethical implications of your actions, **immediately cease action** and inform a society committee member.