# **Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 35-43-1-8**

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**35-43-1-8. Offense against computer users.**

**(a)** A person who knowingly or intentionally and who without authorization:

**(1)** disrupts, denies, or causes the disruption or denial of computer system services to an authorized user of the computer system services that are:

**(A)** owned by;

**(B)** under contract to; or

**(C)** operated for, on behalf of, or in conjunction with;

another person in whole or part;

**(2)** destroys, takes, or damages equipment or supplies used or intended to be used in a computer, computer system, or computer network;

**(3)** destroys or damages a computer, computer system, or computer network; or

**(4)** introduces a computer contaminant into a computer, computer system, or computer network;

commits an offense against computer users, a Level 6 felony.

**(b)** However, the offense is:

**(1)** a Level 5 felony if:

**(A)** the pecuniary loss caused by the offense is at least seven hundred fifty dollars ($750) but less than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000);

**(B)** the offense was committed for the purpose of devising or executing any scheme or artifice to defraud or obtain property; or

**(C)** the offense interrupts or impairs:

**(i)** a governmental operation; or

**(ii)** the public communication, transportation, or supply of water, gas, or another public service; and

**(2)** a Level 4 felony if:

**(A)** the pecuniary loss caused by the offense is at least fifty thousand dollars ($50,000); or

**(B)** the offense endangers human life.

**(c)** In addition to any criminal penalties imposed for a violation of this section, a person who commits an offense described in subsection (b) commits a deceptive act that is actionable by the attorney general under IC 24-5-0.5 and is subject to the remedies and penalties under IC 24-5-0.5.

**History**

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