

Computer Misuse Act

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1 Introduction

In this document we explain briefly *what* is, *why* we have it and what are the 3 key main principles.

1.1 What it is

The Computer Misuse Act protects personal data held by organisations from unauthorised access and modification. Unauthorised access to computer material. This refers to entering a computer system without permission (hacking) Unauthorised access to computer materials with intent to commit a further crime.

1.1.1 Why we have it

To make sure confidential data doesn't get shared by people with criminal intent

2 The key principles

2.1 1st principle

unauthorized access to computer material

2.2 2nd principle

It's like the 1st principle but with the intent to do it on purpose

2.3 3rd principle

It's like the 2nd principle adding the intent to facilitate further offences