



My employee downloaded **WHAT** from MySpace??!

Maybe you've heard of these sites: MySpace, FaceBook, Friendster. These sites are referred to as **social networks**. They're relatively unregulated spaces where people can post information about themselves, their outside interests, hobbies, and passions, and information about your company. They can also download questionable content like pornography, pirated software, and stolen intellectual property. And aside from wasting a big amount of time, all of this stuff is previewed, stored, and maintained on your own computer system—risking the confidentiality of your computer systems.

There are two ways to control this problem: Administrative means and Technical means. An Administrative control would delineate an Acceptable Use Policy for your staff to set expectations for online activity. The second technique would be to install a set of business rules that prohibit the use of these sites from company computer systems.

Mickler & Associates, Inc. would be a great resource for you. We could illustrate the risk and evaluate your computer systems, pass along a sample Acceptable Use Policy, and implement the technical controls needed to prevent access to these sites. We can also pass along the tools needed to monitor your employee's online behaviors and help you spot risk factors that put your company's assets in jeopardy.

Call us today—manage the problem proactively by setting employee expectations and controlling your network's configuration.