



# INFORMATION SECURITY GUIDELINE

## Firewalls

### Introduction

1. This guideline is meant to provide guidance on configuring firewalls to protect [UBC Electronic Information](#).
2. This guideline has been issued by the [Chief Information Officer](#) to supplement the [Securing Computing and Mobile Storage Devices/Media](#) standard. Compliance with this guideline is recommended, but not mandatory. Questions about this guideline may be referred to [information.security@ubc.ca](mailto:information.security@ubc.ca).
3. Properly configured firewalls provide an additional layer of defense that works with anti-virus and regular patching, in the overall protection of [UBC Systems](#) and UBC Electronic Information. The focus of this guideline is primarily host based firewalls; it should be noted if a network based firewall is required for a department or faculty, UBC IT provides a [Virtual Firewall Service](#).

### Firewall Instructions

Operating System	Instructions
<b>Windows</b>	Windows 7: <a href="http://windows.microsoft.com/en-ca/windows/understanding-firewall-settings#1TC=windows-7">http://windows.microsoft.com/en-ca/windows/understanding-firewall-settings#1TC=windows-7</a>  Understanding Windows Firewall Settings: <a href="http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/network/bb545423.aspx">http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/network/bb545423.aspx</a>  Getting Started Guide (Vista, 7, 2008 Server 2008R2 Server): <a href="http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc748991%28v=ws.10%29.aspx">http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc748991%28v=ws.10%29.aspx</a>
<b>Apple - Mac OSX v 10.5, 10.6:</b>	<a href="http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1810">http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1810</a>
<b>Apple - OS X Mavericks:</b>	Set firewall access for services and apps: <a href="http://support.apple.com/kb/PH14191">http://support.apple.com/kb/PH14191</a>  Prevent unwanted connections with a firewall: <a href="http://support.apple.com/kb/PH14267?viewlocale=en_US">http://support.apple.com/kb/PH14267?viewlocale=en_US</a>

### Related Documents

- [Policy SC14, Acceptable Use and Security of UBC Electronic Information and Systems](#)
- [Securing Computing and Mobile Storage Devices/Media standard](#)