

## **Idaho Office of Emergency Management Linking Policy**

Where practical, the **Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM)** will comply with the policies, standards and practices of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA). The IOEM adopts the following website policies based upon ITA P5010:

Paid Advertising – Paid advertising is not permitted on IOEM web pages.

Links to External Websites – Links to external websites take users to pages that are not necessarily controlled by a State of Idaho entity. The following rules apply:

1. When linking to websites, the links will be clearly denoted, in some fashion so the user is aware of the link and that he is leaving the IOEM website.
  
2. The IOEM will make all efforts to refrain from linking to web pages and websites that:
  - a. Advocate or oppose any politically, environmentally, or socially controversial subjects, issues, political parties, or individual political candidates for any public office;
  - b. Is disparaging to any person or class of persons;
  - c. Promote or incite illegal, violent, or socially undesirable conduct;
  - d. Promote the use or availability of illegal drugs;
  - e. Promote adult or sexually-oriented entertainment or materials; or
  - f. Has content that knowingly infringes on any trademark, copyright, or patent right(s) of any other person or business.

As the IOEM has no control over external websites and such websites are subject to change, discovery of any linked website containing the above material shall be removed upon IOEM's discovery of said material.

3. The IOEM provides links to external websites for the benefit and convenience of website users. The inclusion of a link to an external website is provided as a public service only and is not intended as an endorsement of any product or service offered or referenced on the linked website, the organizations sponsoring said website, or any views that might be expressed or referenced in the website. No link to an external website shall be placed in exchange for any payment or thing of value.

4. The IOEM selects links to external websites in its sole discretion. Links to external websites and pages may be removed or replaced at the sole discretion of the IOEM, at any time without notice. The IOEM may limit the number of links to websites offering similar information. Approved websites may include:

- a. State of Idaho entities, other state's or federal government sites related to **disaster recovery and emergency preparedness.**

b. Websites of non-profit organizations offering general information and tools concerning **disaster recovery and emergency preparedness**.

5. In the event there are problems with or concerns regarding the format, accuracy, timeliness or completeness of a linked external website, please contact the organization responsible for the linked external website. The IOEM neither controls nor guarantees the accuracy, relevance, timeliness or completeness of the information contained in any linked external websites, pages, or content. External links are provided as a convenience and the IOEM does not make any representations or warranties concerning the privacy protections or security of any externally-linked websites.