



RUSA Resolution 15S21-03

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Resolution to Adopt the Zoom Safety Recommendations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Whereas, It is imperative that we protect students from vicious zoom bombings containing hateful speech and images,

Whereas, Educating the student body about cybersafety will indubitably allow for a more peaceful online experience and make virtual school far less worrisome.

Whereas, According to several witnesses, Rutgers.edu¹, and ABC7², egregious Zoom bombings took place at an event meant to celebrate the life of Paul Robeson, and an LGBTQIA+ event, a series of hate speech and traumatizing images were broadcast in a form of digital assault in an international attack effort,

Whereas, A Zoom bombing is defined by the FBI as a hate crime, and describes a zoom bomb as:conferences being disrupted by pornographic and/or hate images and threatening language, and the guidelines are as follows:

- Do not make meetings or classrooms public. In Zoom, there are two options to make a meeting private: require a meeting password or use the waiting room feature and control the admittance of guests.
- Do not share a link to a teleconference or classroom on an unrestricted publicly available social media post. Provide the link directly to specific people.
- Manage screen sharing options. In Zoom, change screen sharing to “Host Only.”
- Ensure users are using the updated version of remote access/meeting applications. In January 2020, Zoom updated their software. In their security update, the teleconference software provider added passwords by default for meetings and disabled the ability to randomly scan for meetings to join.

¹ **Rutgers New Brunswick**

<https://newbrunswick.rutgers.edu/chancellor/zoom-bombing-attacks>

² **ABC7** <https://abc7ny.com/rutgers-university-hacking-zoom-bombing/10338005/>

- Lastly, ensure that your organization's telework policy or guide addresses requirements for physical and information security,³

Whereas, These attacks happen often and organizations are more often than not unprepared for these events and have no plan of action for their occurrence⁴,

Whereas, There is an FBI Internet Crimes Complaint Center that more people need to be made aware of in the event that they ever witness a crime, although the goal is prevention⁵,

Whereas, Students can be made aware that these recommendations exist through a RUSA Public Relations social media campaign,

Whereas, Rutgers University Student Assembly needs to take initiative and advocate for LGBTQIA+ and students of color on campus by adopting the FBI guidelines for Zoom Safety to make online classes and events as safe and comfortable as possible.

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly expresses solidarity LGBTQIA+ and Students of Color and wishes to offer a means of protection against these online attacks.

Be it finally resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly will adopt the FBI guidelines so as to provide students with a clear set of recommendations to keep themselves and others safe.

³ **FBI**

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/boston/news/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-teleconferencing-and-online-classroom-hijacking-during-covid-19-pandemic>

⁴**Forbes**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kateoflahertyuk/2020/03/27/beware-zoom-users-heres-how-people-can-zoom-bomb-your-chat/?sh=bc50bf2618e2>

⁵**Internet Crime Complaints Center**

<https://www.ic3.gov>