## Secure Hard Disk Recycling

CRE&T respects your privacy, and ensures that your private files remain private!

To ensure that your data remains safe, we do the following:

- Employee & Volunteer selection. All of the volunteers at CRE&T must pass a criminal background check. Applicants who have questionable criminal records are not allowed to volunteer at CRE&T.
- ➤ We DESTROY your data. All hard disks retained for reuse by CRE&T are wiped with special software to ensure that your personal information is removed. In fact, we remove ALL software, all files, all folders, and all information of any sort on your hard disk, essentially returning the hard disk to its original 'factory new' state. Thus, NO software and NO data is EVER reused by us. This ensures that software licenses are always respected, and never violated.
- ANY hard disk which does not meet our criteria for reuse is PHYSICALLY MUTILATED and damaged beyond repair. This is to ensure that your data can not be retrieved and viewed.

Please read: special notes for those that prefer to do their own data disposal

- CRE&T will provide disk wiping software on CD-ROM to anybody that requests it, for a very small fee (which is to cover the cost of reproducing the CDs.)
- ➤ It often happens that people who remove the hard disk drives by themselves cause irreparable damage to the computer. This is especially true when people remove hard disks from laptops, as they can unknowingly remove essential parts of the laptop along with the hard disk.
- ➤ We are here to help! If requested to do so, CRE&T will begin the disk wiping process while you watch.
- ➤ If requested to do so, CRE&T will remove and return the hard disk from any laptop while you wait. This helps us ensure that older but still good laptops can be rebuilt.

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