

**THE EFFECT OF GENDER, AGE AND LEVEL OF
EDUCATION ON COMPUTER ETHICS AWARENESS IN
KENYA'S SECURITY DEPARTMENTS.**

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ABSTRACT

The consideration of computer ethics fundamentally emerged with the birth of computers. There was concern right from the beginning that computers may be used inappropriately to the detriment of the society or that they can replace humans in many jobs resulting in widespread redundancies.

As the world of computers evolves, computer ethics continues to create ethical standards that address new issues raised by new technologies.

This study sought to determine the impact of gender, age and level of education on computer ethics awareness among members of the security departments in Kenya.

The findings of the study revealed that significant differences existed between male and female officers in their ethical beliefs. Female officers have a higher ethical behavior on "use a computer to harm other people" than males. Age plays a role in terms of ethical behavior among security officers. Senior officers are more ethical in their computer usage than Junior officers. The study further revealed that there was significant difference between graduate and non-graduate security officers in terms of their ethical perceptions to computer use. Graduate officers are more ethical than non-graduates.