



# Internet Responsible Use Policy

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The Campbell County Public Library System endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational and educational needs of our diverse community of users. It is within this context that both filtered and unfiltered access (some exclusions apply) to the Internet and its multitude of resources is offered.

Patrons 17 years of age and younger must use filtered Internet access appropriate to their age group unless they are being assisted by a parent, guardian or library staff member, or have parental permission for adult access, indicated by a sticker on their library card and a note in their patron record.

Campbell County Public Library provides access to this vast network of unregulated information which can change quickly and without warning. Since no one controls its contents, anyone can write anything they like. Even though some sites are restricted with filtering software, you may still find sites that are offensive, inaccurate, illegal, incomplete or outdated. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions. To be a good information consumer, you must question the validity of the information you find.

THE LIBRARY USES A PC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO ENSURE FAIR AND EQUAL ACCESS TO COMPUTERS FOR ALL PATRONS. TAMPERING WITH THIS SYSTEM OR OTHERWISE VIOLATING THIS INTERNET RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF LIBRARY PRIVILEGES AND EXCLUSION FROM THE LIBRARY, AS WELL AS PROSECUTION.

## **WARNING OF COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

As a patron, your ability to post or link to copyrighted material is governed by United States copyright law. The library reserves the right to delete or disable any post or link that, in the judgment of library staff, violates copyright law. In accordance with 17 USC S 512 (i)(1)(A), the library may terminate a patron's access to the system or network for disrespect of the intellectual property rights of others, or for repeat infringements of copyright. The library has adopted this policy and will make all reasonable effort to enforce it in appropriate circumstances.

## **CHILD SAFETY ON THE INTERNET:**

Campbell County Public Library supports parents and guardians in their efforts to guide their children's access to print, non-print and electronic information. Parents or guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. Children who use filtered Internet machines may still be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information and images. Parents are encouraged to discuss the use of the Internet with their children in relation to family values and boundaries, and to monitor their children's use of the Internet.

To assist parents, the Library has online and printed materials available about the Internet and its resources, including the pamphlet "Child Safety on the Information Highway" and other information on the educational use of the Internet. Parents are encouraged to review this information with their children.

## **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

- Library staff will provide limited assistance for basic startup procedures on our computers. We cannot be experts on every program or web site you access on the Internet. For the most part, you will have to explore the Internet on your own.
- Have fun exploring the Internet, but please remember that many times you will find the specific information you need, more quickly, in the library's books, periodicals or informational databases. Ask a librarian.
- Question what you find, it may be wrong, incomplete or not current. If the information is important to you, ask a librarian to help you verify its accuracy.
- Any information that you enter into the Internet can be read by other people. Think before you write. Sending credit card numbers, account numbers, your name, address or other personal information may not be wise.
- The library uses a virus-check on the Internet computers. However, if you bring in a disk, it is not completely protected from getting a computer virus. If you put an infected disk into any other computer, it could damage that computer.
- The Campbell County Public Library System is not responsible for information found on the Internet or what you do with it.
- The library assumes no responsibility for any direct or indirect claims, damages or costs, howsoever caused, sought by users or third parties arising from its provisions of access to the Internet services.

The Library reserves the right to modify these guidelines at any time.