

Policy: 425.2
Subject: Internet Safety Policy
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Revised:

- 1) In order to comply with CIPA [CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (Pub. L. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h))], the Milford Public Library has adopted this Internet Safety Policy.
- 2) The library has installed a Technology Protection Measure (a cloud-based filter) for all Internet traffic in the library. This includes all staff and public computers. Wireless access is filtered as well.
 - a) This filtering software helps to protect against access to visual depictions deemed "obscene," "child pornography," or "harmful to minors."
 - i) The term "obscene" as defined in 18 USC Section 1460.
 - ii) The term "child pornography" as defined in 18 USC Section 2256.
 - iii) The term "harmful to minors" as defined in 47 USC Section 254 [G].
- 3) Staff presence and use of a filtering system should not be viewed as a substitute for parental supervision of a minor on the Internet.
 - a) Staff ability to monitor activities of minors online will be affected by circumstances at the Youth and Adult Service Desks.
 - b) With this in mind, children should be warned against giving out any personal information while using these resources, social media sites, or other direct electronic communications.
 - c) Appropriate online behavior is required by all users.
- 4) Filtering software is not perfect.
 - a) In some instances, it may block access to constitutionally protected material on the Internet or fail to block access to material that is obscene or harmful.
 - b) Under the law, the Library is allowed to unblock erroneously blocked individual websites for minors.
 - i) Due to the Technology Protection Measure in place, unblocking is not immediate. Requests to unblock individual websites must be submitted to The Library Network by the Director.
 - c) The Librarian may only completely disable the filter for adult patrons.
 - i) These patrons must be eighteen (18) years old or older and must make this request.
- 5) With regard to safety, the Milford Public Library Internet Safety Policy prohibits the following:
 - a) Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web.
 - b) Sending or displaying obscene or disruptive messages, files, or images.
 - c) Any type of Cyber-bullying.
 - d) Gaining unauthorized access to the library's network or computer systems or to any other network or computer system (hacking).
 - e) Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification by or regarding minors.
 - f) Using library computers to conduct any unlawful activity.

- 6) Any violation of this policy may result in the loss of computer privileges at the library.
- 7) Unacceptable use that is illegal may result in criminal prosecution as well.
- 8) For more information regarding public computer usage, please see Policy 425.