

CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Internet Policy

The Internet is a global electronic network without local, state or federal control over its contents. It offers access to material that is personally, professionally and culturally enriching. It also contains inaccurate, as well as controversial material. Please be warned that the Chelsea Public Library does not and cannot monitor or control information found on the Internet and is not responsible for its content. By using the library machines to access the Internet you agree to abide by the policies set forth in this document.

The Chelsea Public Library offers the public Internet access in accordance with the principles of the Library Bill of Rights and its interpretation on Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks adopted by the American Library Association. All patrons of all ages are offered free access to information and services provided at the library. The Chelsea Public Library affirms the responsibility of parents/guardians to monitor and determine their minor children's use of the Internet.

Library employees may monitor length of computer use, in order to insure equal opportunity for access. Library employees are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce the *Rules of Conduct* and/or to prohibit use by persons who fail to comply with the Internet Policy stated herein.

Rules of Conduct

1. Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity or access to illegal or obscene materials.
2. Internet computers will not be used to communicate bullying or threatening messages to others by means of social media or any other form.
3. Customers handling financial transactions or other activities that require confidentiality do so at their own risk. The Internet is not a private environment and security of electronic communication cannot be guaranteed.
4. Library staff may limit use of computer equipment, which has been purchased from grant funds, according to the terms or intent of the grant agreement.
5. Installation, downloading, or modification of software is prohibited.
6. Users will respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.
7. Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.
8. Access sessions will be limited to 30 minutes when there are others waiting to access the computer.
9. Users must end their session and leave the terminal when asked to do so by authorized Library staff.

10. Users will respect the privacy of other users, and will refrain from attempting to view or read material being used by others.
11. By mutual agreement, two persons may share one access session as long as their behavior or conversation does not disturb other users or Library staff.
12. Internet users will not endanger the safety of minors by exposing them to inappropriate materials or accessing said materials in the presence of children.

Failure to comply with the Internet Policy Rules of Conduct may result in appropriate action including termination of the user's access session, and/or prohibiting a user from subsequent access sessions.

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