

**PONTIAC PUBLIC LIBRARY
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INTERNET SAFETY POLICY**

Introduction

It is the policy of the Pontiac Public Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Definition

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act*

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, or access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or pornographic, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes only with permission from minor's legal guardian or parent.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Pontiac Public Library online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communication. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking", and other unlawful activities (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of the minor's legal guardian or parent to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Pontiac Public Library reference staff or designated representatives.

This Cipa Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Pontiac Public Library Board of Trustees at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on March 26th 2013.