

NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
INTERNET USE POLICY

Policy Statement: Norwell Public Library provides access to the Internet for research, education and personal use. The Internet and its available resources may contain materials of a controversial nature. In offering Internet access, library staff cannot control access points, which often change rapidly and unpredictably. Users are hereby reminded that the information they find is their responsibility.

Regulation: Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the library's connection. Internet resources have not been selected by librarians and we cannot be responsible for the accuracy, or timeliness of information found. The Norwell Public Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its connections to their service providers. The following will not be permitted on the Norwell Public Library's connection: FTP and User groups.

Users may not engage in illegal use of the Internet, including posting, transmitting, accessing or displaying of obscene or illegal materials as defined by law.

While patrons are free to access any Internet sites they wish, the library must respect the rights of others not to be inadvertently exposed to material and images they may find personally unsuitable. Viewing of certain materials in the public library may be considered improper in time, place, or manner. The library reserves the right to end an Internet session at any time if it is creating a disturbance.

Procedures:

- 1. If an improper or offensive site is visited, a warning will be issued and the patron will be requested to terminate use.*
- 2. If a second offense occurs, a patron will lose internet privileges for a period of time determined by the librarian on a case by case basis.*
- 3. Noncompliant behavior will result in a temporary or permanent ban as determined by the librarian on an individual basis.*
- 4. Printing of obscene or pornographic material is illegal and the authorities will be called.*

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