

Internet Code of Ethics

The Cumberland Public Libraries' mission is to promote life-long learning and recreation, fostering an appreciation of literature at all ages, by providing free access to the world of media and technology to the residents of Cumberland County. In fulfilling this mission CPL provides free public access to the internet.

The internet is **unregulated** and users must be aware that information may not be accurate, reliable or current. The Library does not control the information accessed through the internet and assumes no responsibility for such information. Parents and guardians are responsible for children's access to the internet just as they are responsible for a child's access to all library materials and services.

All users of the library's internet services are expected to do so in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided and are subject to the rules and regulations set out by the Cumberland Regional Library Board. The internet user is responsible for their activity and actions. A breach of the Library's rules and policies may result in a suspension of computer use, loss of library privileges, or exclusion from the library.

Cumberland Public Libraries' users are subject to federal, provincial and municipal legislation regulating internet use, including the provision of the Criminal Code regarding obscenity, child pornography, sedition and the incitement of hates. The use of the library's internet access for illegal purposes is prohibited, and may result in prosecution.

Examples of Unacceptable Use of the Internet include, but are not limited to:

- Using the Internet for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- Attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; seeking unauthorized access to components of any network or database.
- Sending, receiving or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.

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