

PUBLIC INTERNET USE POLICY & PROCEDURE

Policy Statement

The Wellington County Library provides public access to the Internet as part of its mission to “enhance the knowledge, skills, enterprise and enjoyment of the people of Wellington County through the provision of high quality library service.” The Internet is an electronic resource to be used for educational, recreational and informational purposes in the library.

The Wellington County Library adopts and upholds the principles outlined in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries, and Public Access to the Internet Position Statement. Unfiltered access to the Internet will be available at all branches of the Wellington County Library.

Disclaimers

The Wellington County Library cannot guarantee and is not responsible for the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet. The accuracy of the information is the responsibility of each originator or producer. The Wellington County Library will not be held responsible for any charges incurred by users of the Internet.

Parents or guardians must be aware that some information on the Internet is of a mature nature and may not be what they feel is suitable for their children. Parents or guardians are responsible for information selected and accessed by their children.

Parents concerned about their children’s use of the Internet are responsible for setting their own standards and guidelines.

Computer User’s Code of Ethics

Users of electronic information sources such as the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational, informational and recreational purposes for which they are provided, and to follow the rules and regulations of the county providing these resources.

Responsible, ethical use of the Internet includes:

- Using the Internet for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only; not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- Not attempting to modify or gain access to computer files, passwords, or data belonging to others; not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system or damaging or altering software components of network database.
- Not sending, receiving, or displaying text/graphics which are illegal or may reasonably be construed as obscene or offensive.
- Acknowledging that the Wellington County reserves the right to monitor all traffic in and out of the access point, and to review any material or user records to make determinations about specific uses.