

## OAKRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Internet Safety Policy

The Oakridge Public Library provides access to the Internet as one means of fulfilling its mission to "address the informational, education, recreational, and cultural needs of all individuals. Internet resources accessible through the Library are provided to adults and minors as described in this document.

The user is the selector of the material accessed and the responsible party. Any fees are the responsibility of the user, not the Library.

Users may reserve a computer by telephone or in person. The reservation will be cancelled if the user is not present when the reserved time arrives. The Oakridge Public Library requires the user to sign in at the desk before using the computer. A library card is not necessary to use the computers. Access is limited to one hour or is unlimited as long as no one is waiting. The charge for copies is 25 cents per page. We accept only cash or check.

The Oakridge Public Library cannot control the content of resources available on the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Users, including minors, are warned that other individuals may obtain unauthorized access to personal information and/or misrepresent themselves. Users, including minors, are advised not to share personal information to unknown or otherwise unverified sources via electronic communication. Users are cautioned that the Internet is not a secure environment. Personal information included in all transactions, files and communication may be subject to unauthorized access by third parties. (A minor is an individual that has not reached the age of seventeen.)

The Library seeks to protect the First Amendment rights of its patrons and their individual right to privacy. However the Internet users must be aware that privacy can not be guaranteed because the workstations are in public places. Users will respect the privacy of other Library users. Two or more persons may share a computer as long as their behavior or conversation does not disturb other users or the library staff.

Internet computers will not be used by anyone, including minors, for illegal activity, to access illegal materials. The computers may not be used by ANY user to access inappropriate materials including materials of an obscene nature or child pornography.

Users will respect copyright laws and licensing agreements. A work protected by copyright may not be copied unless the proposed use falls within the definition of "Fair Use". Patrons are responsible for compliance with all laws covering copyrighted material.

Users, including minors, will not make any attempt to a) use the computer for illegal use, b) hack into any computer system, c) damage computer equipment or software, d) alter the computer's settings and e) violate copyright laws. Misuse of the computer may result in the loss of library privileges and possible prosecution.

Oakridge Public Library complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). CIPA states that a technology protection is required to prohibit access to graphic depictions of illegal material by minors. The installation of such a filtering product is the Library's means to comply with this specific legislation. The Library uses federal funds in a manner identified in the Title XVII: the Children's Internet Protection Act requiring compliance with regulations specified in that legislation. Compliance includes the installation and enforcement of a technology protection measure to prohibit access to ANY user to graphic depictions of illegal materials as defined by U.S. Code Title 18.

When the Library staff believes that a user has failed to comply with the Internet Safety Policy and/or the Rules of Conduct they are authorized to terminate that user's access session and possibly prohibit a user from subsequent access sessions for up to two weeks. After a hearing by the Library's administrative authority a Library user may be permanently barred from internet access. The user may protest the action and may request privileges be reinstated.