



SCUGOG MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Scugog Memorial Public Library offers public Internet access to assist in meeting the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. While the Internet offers users a wealth of information, it is also an unregulated environment that enables access to material that may be offensive to some users and / or illegal.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The Scugog Memorial Public Library cannot take responsibility for the accuracy, currency or appropriateness of material found on the Internet. The Library is not responsible for the content of pages linked from its home pages or its online catalogue.
2. Users of Scugog Memorial Public Library's Internet services are subject to Federal, Provincial and Municipal legislation regulating Internet use, including the provisions of the Criminal Code regarding obscenity, child pornography, sedition and the incitement of hate. The use of the Library's Internet services for illegal purposes is prohibited, and may result in prosecution.
3. Users will not engage in the display of sexually explicit material or utilize the library's internet services for the creation or transmission of threatening, abusive, libelous or defamatory material.
4. Some copying or distribution of material found on the Internet may infringe on copyright or other intellectual property rights. The Library does not condone such copying or distribution, nor is the Library responsible for such infringements.
5. The Scugog Memorial Public Library supports a balance between the intellectual freedoms of individuals and the requirement to provide an environment that is positive, nurturing and safe for patrons of all ages.
6. Therefore, the Library provides both filtered and unfiltered public terminals; the filtered terminals are equipped with commercial software to ensure that children may use the Internet in a child-friendly environment. These filters are intended to block

material on the Internet that may be considered inappropriate for children; however no filter is 100% accurate. The Scugog Memorial Public Library assumes no responsibility for accuracy and effectiveness of any filtering software.

7. Children 13 and under will be provided with filtered internet access only. Children 10 and under must be directly supervised by a parent or guardian to use the public internet stations. As with all library resources, parents or guardians are responsible for their children's access to the Internet. The Library does not act in place of or in the absence of a parent.
8. The Scugog Memorial Public Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its website or from its connections to other Internet services.
9. The Scugog Memorial Public Library will not guarantee the security of any personal information transmitted via the Internet using the Library's connection. Users are responsible for any commercial transactions made while using the Library's Internet connection.
10. The Library cannot guarantee the safety of your traffic across its wireless network. The Library assumes no responsibility for the configurations, security or files on your laptop resulting from connection to the Library's network.
11. Copies of the Internet Access Policy are posted throughout the library. It is the responsibility of wireless users to ensure that they understand and comply with the Internet Access policy when using the library's wireless services.
12. Wireless access will only be available during the Library's hours of operation.

Conditions of Use

1. Library users are responsible for determining that the information they access is acceptable, reliable and suitable for their needs.
2. The computers may not be used for illegal or unethical purposes.
3. Infringement of copyright is prohibited.
4. Library users may print copies for a fee per page.
5. Library users may not install, modify, delete or download information or software on the Library's computers. Users may download information or software directly to their own floppy disks or USB drives.

6. There will be no individual email or newsgroup accounts set up on the Library's computer (this does not apply to web-based accounts).

Consequences of Violating Internet Access Policy or Conditions of Use

As the Internet workstations are located in a public space, the Library reserves the right to prohibit the access of material that in its judgment is inappropriate for viewing in a public area. This includes text and/or graphics. Users in violation of the library's Internet Access and Use Guidelines may have their Internet privileges revoked. Repeated violations will result in removal from the library.

In the event of a contravention or perceived contravention of the laws of the Province of Ontario and Canada, Scugog Memorial Public Library administration or staff will contact the police.

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