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## **Newell Public Library Internet Safety Policy**

The purpose of public access to the Internet is to provide information resources to the patrons of the Newell Public Library. The Newell Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Patron use of the Internet carries with it a responsibility to evaluate the quality of the information accessed.

This Safety Policy applies to patrons under the age of 17 as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) which went into effect on April 20, 2001.

Parents or guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions. The Library Internet computers may not be used to access inappropriate matter.

Individuals covered by this policy may not reveal personal information such as your home address, age, telephone number, last name or any other information that may allow a person to locate you when using e-mail, chat rooms or any other form of direct electronic communications. Do not arrange a face-to-face meeting without your parent's permission.

Individuals covered by this policy are specifically forbidden to use the computers for unauthorized access, modification, hacking, cracking and other unlawful activities, including but not limited to accessing the library's network and other networks.

Individuals covered by this policy are specifically forbidden to use the computers to provide unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identifiable information concerning themselves or any other person.

Individuals covered by this policy may not use the Library to access any material that might be harmful to minors. Children who use the Internet unsupervised may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information and images. Parents and their children are encouraged to discuss the use of the Internet in relation to family values and boundaries.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session that disrupts library services or that involves any behavior that violates the Library's policies. Violation of any of the above guidelines will result in the termination of the Internet access for that individual. Length of time is up to the discretion of the Librarians.