

**500 Library Services
505.2 Internet Use**Internet Use1. Disclaimer of Responsibility

The Whistler Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Internet may contain inaccurate material or material of a controversial nature. The Whistler Public Library cannot censor access to material nor protect users from inaccurate or offensive information. Parents of children under the age of 16 must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet.

2. Misuse

Anyone misusing or damaging the computer, reprogramming the library's computers, tampering with the equipment or software or using the Internet for illegal or unethical purposes will have their Internet access privileges suspended, may be prosecuted and will be financially liable for any damage to the equipment. The Internet access computers are located in public areas which must be shared by library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Individuals are asked to be respectful when accessing potentially offensive information and images. The Library reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue the display of information and images which cause a disruption.

3. Internet Access Procedures

3.1 Number and type of stations

There is a commitment to providing access to the Internet with a connection to a printer as space and funds permit. There is also a commitment to provide at least one Internet station for youth use.

3.2 Access to children

The Whistler Public Library expects parents and/or guardians to assume responsibility for their children's use of online services and encourages parents to explore the Internet and the World Wide Web with their children at the Library.

3.3 Electronic mail

The Whistler Public Library is committed to providing free access to e-mail. However, time limits may be established for this use.

3.4 Registration

All Internet users must register with the Whistler Public Library and must read the brochure on Internet policy before accessing the Internet. There is one exception to this requirement. The Express Computers do not require registration and they have a 15 minute time limit.

3.5 Availability

The Internet computers are available during the hours that the library is open to the public. The Express Computers are on a first come, first serve basis.

3.6 Booking and use procedures

Booking and use procedures will be established and published.

4. Security

WARNING: Although the library uses a virus checker on the Internet Access computers, this may not completely protect against the chance of getting a virus. The Whistler Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's disk or computer or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from patron use of the library's computers.

5. Software

Patrons may not use their own software programs on the Library computers. This will help prevent computer viruses that are common on public computers.

The Whistler Public Library will not allow downloading of programs or file transfer protocol (FTP) privileges for the public.

6. Staff Help

Staff will assist in initially signing on to the Internet and will instruct on Internet use as time provides. Because of library scheduling, trained staff will not always be available for help.