

**SIoux LOOKOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**POLICY MANUAL**

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**WIRELESS NETWORK AND PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER USE POLICY**

**1.1 STATEMENT**

The wireless network and public access computers are tools provided by this library to help achieve its Mission Statement. Internet access is provided in keeping with the Canadian Library Association’s Intellectual Freedom Statement. See Appendix A.

Users of the Sioux Lookout Public Library’s wireless network and public access computers must agree to the terms listed below when either signing into the wireless network on their own devices or when using devices supplied by the library. The use of the wireless network and public access computers in the library is a privilege and not following this policy will result in a loss of this privilege. The library reserves the right to cancel membership and/or privileges at any time at the sole discretion of the CEO/Chief Librarian.

**1.2 DEFINITIONS**

For this policy ‘public access computers’ and ‘device(s)’ supplied by the library that can access the Internet are interchangeable.

**1.3 APPLICATION**

This policy will apply to any individual accessing the library’s wireless network or using devices supplied by the Library.

**1.4 PROCEDURE**

- a. The library’s wireless access points provide unsecured connections to the Internet; users assume all risks inherent in accessing the Internet and the library assumes no liability.
- b. The following uses of the library’s wireless network and public access computers are prohibited and may result in prosecution:
  - i. Accessing, storing, or distributing materials which violate any Canadian, federal, provincial, or municipal law(s) – including provisions in the Criminal Code regarding obscenity, child pornography, sedition, and the incitement of hate.
  - ii. Using a device for any illegal, actionable or criminal purpose.
  - iii. Sending fraudulent, harassing, or obscene emails.
  - iv. Displaying images which may be deemed offensive by other users of the library.

- v. Infringing on copyright or other intellectual property rights.
- c. All users of the library, including users of the library's wireless network and public access computers, are expected to follow the Conduct in the Library policy (B09). Disruptive, threatening, or otherwise intrusive behaviour is not allowed and library staff are authorized to take action. Violations of this policy may result in suspension of library privileges and exclusion from the library, as well as prosecution.
- d. As with other library materials, children's access to the Internet and other electronic networks is the responsibility of parents and guardians. Children under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by an adult when using a public access computer.
- e. The Sioux Lookout Public Library does not charge for access to the Internet but does charge for computer use as follows:
  - i. **Library Patrons:**
    - No charge for fifteen (15) minutes
    - \$1.00 per hour
  - ii. **Non-Library Patrons (non-members):**
    - \$1.00 for fifteen (15) minutes
- f. The above policy will be reformatted to allow for better visibility on electronic devices. See Appendix B.