

Computer and Internet Public Access Policy

Use of these services at the Law Library indicates agreement with this “Computer and Internet Public Access Policy” as adopted by the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees.

Terms of Use

- Computer use is limited to legal research, which means retrieving information from the Library’s legal databases, catalog, or website, government or nonprofit websites, and printing things for court. Priority is given to patrons using our paid resources.
- Non-legal Internet searches or research, preparing documents, and reading/writing email are not permitted. Email may be used only to send legal research results or print documents for court.
- Use of Library technology to engage in any illegal purpose, including but not limited to, violation of Federal copyright laws, is prohibited. **Users may not:**
 - Make any attempt to damage or alter Library equipment or software
 - Insert thumb drives, CDs, or anything else into the computers
 - Engage in any activity that is harassing, defamatory, or invades the rights of others
 - Access chat rooms, games, shopping, pornography, videos, or other non-legal sites
- Staff may monitor the computers for compliance with Library rules and make the determination of what is appropriate technology use. The Library is a public setting and there is no expectation of privacy.
- Patrons are expected to use the computers with minimal guidance from Library staff. Staff cannot offer detailed training on computer use and may need to limit personal instruction.
- Parents and/or guardians are solely responsible to supervise their children’s use of library resources. Parents and/or guardians will be held accountable for any of their children’s violations of this Policy.
- The computers are available on a first-come, first served basis. Access is limited to once per day for up to 60 minutes. Librarians reserve the right to briefly use the computers at any time.
- Patrons can be asked to leave a computer at any time for failure to follow these rules or to ensure equitable access to all patrons.
- Patrons access computer and Internet information at their own risk. The Law Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its computers and connections to the Internet. Patrons are not allowed to save their data.

Enforcement

Staff determine what is appropriate use and may terminate a session at any time at their discretion for violation.

A patron’s first violation of this policy may result in a warning or a bar from using the library computers for up to 3 months. This depends on the severity of the violation and is at the discretion of the Librarian. Viewing or attempting to view sexually explicit, violent, or patently offensive materials will automatically result in a bar.

After a patron has been warned or barred once, subsequent violations may again result in a temporary bar which may be longer than 3 months.

Patrons who have had 2 violations will be permanently barred from using the computers. They may also be barred from entry into the Library.

Discretion of the Law Librarian

No policy can address all potential circumstances. The Librarian reserves the right to address issues on a case by case basis. The Clark County Law Library Board retains the right to protect the interests of our patrons to the safe and peaceful use of our facility. The Sheriff’s Department maintains the security of the Courthouse and is able to remove patrons or pursue law enforcement actions.

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