

Doncaster Libraries provides computer and internet access as part of its role of enabling access to cultural and educational information and resources. The service does not deny legitimate access to information by any member of the public, but recognises that such a resource is potentially open to misuse and abuse. The following policy has been produced in order to safeguard the interests of the service and the community it serves:

1. Doncaster Libraries has no control over the accuracy and legality of the information on the Internet, and therefore cannot assume any responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connection to the Internet. Doncaster Libraries recommends that services and goods should not be ordered over the Internet using Doncaster Libraries computers as confidentiality of personal information cannot be guaranteed. The Council will, where possible, attempt to restrict access to controversial materials on the Internet but accepts no responsibility or liability in respect of access to such information by individual users.
2. Children under 7 will not be allowed access unless accompanied by a parent or carer over the age of 18. Young people aged 7-15 will be allowed access, provided they have the written consent of a parent or guardian. The parent/guardian will need to give consent using a form provided by the Library Service.
3. By using the computers in this library you are agreeing to the Declaration below. Individual users of the computers will be responsible for their own behaviour and communications over the network. All usage will be monitored, and anyone found infringing the Public Computer Use Agreement will be stopped from using the service.
4. Any member of the public found installing software or interfering with any virus checking software, any other software, hardware or associated IT equipment will be barred from subsequent use of any of the Library Services' IT facilities.
5. Pornographic material transmitted over the Internet is subject to legislation in the Obscene Publications Acts of 1959 and 1964. Under these Acts it is an offence to publish obscene material. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, states that the transmission of electronic data constitutes publication. The Telecommunications Act 1984 makes it an offence to transmit, over telephone lines in England and Wales, a message or any other material that is grossly offensive or of indecent, obscene or menacing character.
6. Doncaster Libraries reserves the right to refuse further computer access to any individuals accessing or distributing materials which are deemed to be illegal or unacceptable or have the potential to offend or disturb others, particularly abusive forms of marketing, violence or pornography, and materials which could incite hatred or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender or sexual preference. Accessing chatrooms is not allowed and Doncaster Libraries reserves the right to refuse further computer access to any individuals accessing chatrooms.
7. The Library Service user agrees that the use of Public Library computers and internet access cannot be for the viewing of live

television programmes or pirated programmes, and where computers are used for this purpose the library service user understands that the computer session may be terminated.

DECLARATION: I agree that I will not access or distribute material which is unlawful, indecent or violent and which may be deemed to be offensive to other library users and contravene English Law, or to use any software not provided by the Authority. I understand that if I do not comply with these terms and conditions, or if I misuse Council equipment in any way, I will no longer have access to computers in any Doncaster library.