

## **Wireless Access Policy**

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#### **General**

The Internet is a vast unregulated entity with diverse resources and users. It enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing and/or illegal, as well as materials that are enriching to individuals of all ages. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. The provision of wireless access to the library computer system may bring additional difficulties. For those reasons it is important that any person accessing the Internet services provided by the *Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library* using wireless technology understands his or her responsibilities.

To ensure all its patrons uninterrupted Internet service, the *Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library* has developed a *Wireless Internet Acceptable Use Policy*. It should be understood that this policy is subject to change.

#### <u>Guidelines</u>

Clicking the login button at the bottom of this page signifies that you agree to abide by the current *Wireless Internet Acceptable Use Policy*. Such action indicates, too, that you will not:

use services that are In violation of the law or in aid of any unlawful act;

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- access, alter, or destroy information of another patron nor will you attempt so to do;
- interfere with or disrupt other network users, network services or network equipment;
- cause the *Library* to be in violation of contracts with its network services providers.

In addition, you agree to be solely responsible for the content of any transmissions over the Internet by yourself and any other person who uses your equipment.

## Warranties

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The Library disclaims all express and implied warranties, including the warranties of merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose.

## **Obsolescence of Equipment**

The Library may from time to time upgrade its services to comply with Internet standards or to improve the performance, availability, maintainability or coverage of its network. The person accessing the Internet through the use of wireless technology agrees that, beyond reasonable

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planning for orderly migration, the *Library* shall not be liable should any such upgrades cause your equipment to become obsolete and unable to use the Internet.

# **Limitation of Liability**

The Library shall not be liable, either in contract or in tort, for damage to you in your inability to use services or products provided. The *Library* shall not be liable for unauthorized access to your equipment; or for unauthorized access to, or the alteration, theft or destruction of your data files, programs, procedures or information through accident, fraudulent means or devices, or any other method, even should such access occur as a result of negligence on the part of the *Library*.

The *Library*, its officers, agents, or members will not be held liable under any circumstances for any damage including lost profits, loss of data, or special, indirect, incidental, exemplary, or consequential damages, for any cause whatsoever, regardless of the form of action, even if the *Library* has been advised of the possibility of such damages to you.

## Interruption of Service

The Library may interrupt Services immediately after an attempt to notify you by telephone in any event where the *Library* has determined that you are in breach of the *Wireless Internet Acceptable Use Policy*. Services will be reinstated after the *Library* determines that the condition has been remedied.

## Furthermore:

A patron's laptop must be configured with virus protection using current virus definitions. Patrons are expected to know how to configure their laptop for wireless use. *Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library* does not offer wireless access support. A document with technical details and an example of configuring Windows XP for wireless access is available at the Circulation Desk.

Most Wi-Fi (802.11b compatible) network cards will be compatible. However, the *Library* makes no guaranty as to compatibility of patron's equipment with its network.

Wireless internet access is provided in public areas that are shared by library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Individuals should consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images. Normally, library staff will not monitor or supervise Internet access other than for length of use. However, *Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library* reserves the rights to

- ask individuals to discontinue the display of information and /or images, which might cause a disruption; or
- block access to wireless access users

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