



## **Board Policy Internet Access**

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The purpose of this policy is to provide the expectations by which this service will be delivered and customer's responsibilities when using this service.

The Internet is an unregulated, worldwide environment. It contains information and opinions that range in scope from reliable and authoritative to controversial or extremely offensive. Some information found on the Internet may NOT be accurate, complete or current. Users must assess the validity of the information found. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information about users' activities.

Vancouver Island Regional Library considers Internet information resources as an extension of our collections and one of the richest information resources available to the public.

Vancouver Island Regional Library will provide public access to the Internet at all service points, where workstations can be monitored by staff for assistance and security. Parents and guardians are responsible for their child's Internet activity, whether or not the child has a library card. Upon signing for a child's library card, a parent or guardian assumes responsibility for their child's access to all resources in the library including electronic resources such as the Internet.

Library customers will be made aware of the Internet Access Policy through signage, brochures and through on-line acceptance of this policy prior to access to the Internet.

VIRL will take reasonable measures to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of Internet users. Internet users must be aware that Internet workstations are in public areas that are shared by people of all ages and sensibilities.

### **Acceptable Use of the Internet**

Any activity, which interferes with or disrupts use, or any attempt to damage or alter equipment, software or configurations, is prohibited and may result in the suspension of library privileges. Customers who use the Library's Internet workstations for illegal purposes will be subject to prosecution.



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Internet users:

- Must respect the legal protection provided by copyright and licensing of programs
- Must not violate the privacy of another Internet user or VIRL customer.
- Must not install software or run any programs on VIRL workstations.
- Must not seek information on, obtain copies of or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
- VIRL is not responsible for any fees incurred by use of the Internet.
- VIRL cannot guarantee security and confidentiality of any transaction, particularly e-commerce transactions.