

Sutton Free Public Library
Wireless Acceptable Use Policy

The Sutton Public Library permits patrons to connect their own equipment to the Internet via a wireless network. By choosing to use this free wireless service you agree to abide by the Library's Internet Use Policy. In particular, you agree to use the Library's network resources only for lawful purposes.

Users are responsible for making sure their computer has the correct settings and necessary hardware. Library staff cannot assist users in configuring their equipment or troubleshooting problems. Users should refer to their owners' manuals or other support services offered by their computer manufacturer. The Library cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the Library's wireless connection. Some devices may not be compatible with the Library's network. Patrons who have difficulty connecting or experience poor connections are encouraged to seek help at the reference desk, but Library staff are not responsible for troubleshooting patron's devices.

As with most public wireless connections the Library's wireless connection is not secure. There can be non-trustworthy third parties between the user and anybody with whom the user communicates. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit their credit card information, passwords or any other sensitive personal information while using any wireless connection.

The Library will not be responsible for any personal information (e.g. credit card) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to your hardware or software due to electrical surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computers or wireless devices.

Laptops and other devices should never be left unattended in the Library, even for brief periods of time. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files or other personal property brought into or used at the Library's facilities.

By choosing to use this free wireless service you agree to abide by the Sutton Free Public Library's Internet Use Policy. Copies of this policy are available at the circulation desk. All users are expected to use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the Library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Prohibited uses include:

Using the Internet for illegal purposes

Using the Internet in violation of the Massachusetts General Law 272 Section 31, the Harmful to Minors statute

Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material in any format

Transmission of spam or junk mail of any type

Transmission of threatening, harassing, defamatory or obscene materials

Unauthorized access to remote computer systems

Destruction of, damage to, or alteration of Library equipment, software, or network security

Computers using the Library's Internet connection are located in public areas, which must be shared by Library users of all ages and backgrounds. Accessing disruptive material and images, including pornography, is therefore prohibited. Determination of what is disruptive is at the discretion of the Library staff.

The Library will take appropriate action against anyone violating any portion of this policy.

Appropriate actions may include:

Asking individuals to discontinue their display of disruptive content

Revoking a patron's Library privileges

Prohibiting and/or quarantining patron-owned equipment from accessing the network

Notifying law enforcement of illegal activity

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