



Fingal County Council Libraries Policy on use of public access PCs, Wi-fi and Internet

Fingal County Council provides use of pcs and Internet access (in all libraries) and Wi FI access (in selected libraries) to the public free of charge.

The Internet is a world wide system of interconnected networks, largely ungoverned and unregulated. It opens up a vast array of information resources, communication technology and online services to the user. However not all Internet resources are reliable, current or accurate and some sites may contain opinions which users find controversial and images which they find offensive.

Filtering software is installed on our pcs and wi-fi system to block access to pornographic and obscene websites. However, no filtering system is completely effective. Therefore, we strongly advise parents and guardians to be aware of their children's use of the Internet at the Library. Please note that access to social networking websites such as Face Book, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Pinterest is not blocked.

Fingal County Council is not responsible for and does not endorse or sanction content, points of view, commentary or imagery found on the Internet. It is not responsible for damages, losses, costs or expenses arising either directly or indirectly from the use of the Internet at any branch library.

Conditions of Use of Free Public Internet Access

1. Users of pcs and wi-fi must be registered library members.
2. All users must complete the acceptance of this policy and conditions of usage, prior to access being facilitated.
3. Parents and guardians are solely responsible for their children's use of the web. Children under the age of 12 must have parental authorisation to use the computers, please remember children who use the Internet unsupervised may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing images. It is strongly recommended that parents supervise their children while viewing the Internet. Library staff cannot control what images or websites they access.
4. Users of the Internet on public pcs in Fingal County Council Libraries accept that the service is monitored by Fingal County Council, and accept that this is not deemed an invasion of their privacy. Attempts by users to access prohibited sites or sexually explicit graphic material may result in further action being taken. For persistent attempts, users will have their computer privileges revoked.

5. Internet users are asked to respect the fact that they are accessing information in a public environment. They should not access or attempt to access any material that is likely to be considered offensive for viewing in a public place.

6. Users may not use the internet at the Library to conduct any illegal activity including violation of copyright laws, licensing agreements or any other rights of third parties. Use for any commercial purpose is also prohibited.

7. Users are not to interfere with or alter the Library's computers, networks, or any of its hardware or software.

8. Fingal County Council reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

9. Users may save documents to a memory/USB device.

10. The Library respects the privacy of Internet use, but cannot guarantee it.

11. No more than two people may use a PC at any time.

12. Users must abide by the reservation procedures which are in place in each library

13. Please log out of your email/social network account before you are finished.

Right of Appeal: Any person who does not comply with this policy of use of the Internet may be barred from Internet use at the Library.