

## **INTERNET SAFETY POLICY FOR MINORS**

The Brazil Public Library complies with the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. The children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), requires that a technology protection measure (a TPM), also known as internet filtering software, be placed on all Internet computer workstations in the Brazil Public Library to protect against access to visual depictions that

1. Are obscene.
2. Contain child pornography, or
3. Are harmful to minors (defined as any person younger than 17 years of age).

While the BPL will make every attempt, through the use of its TPM, to prevent direct access to materials that would not be generally acceptable in a public library, it is technically impossible to guarantee that the BPL's TPM will be error free. The BPL is not responsible for the unintentional exclusion of desired, necessary or relevant information that may be the result of its technology protection measure software. An authorized staff member may disable the TPM upon request by an adult user to allow unrestricted access for research or any other lawful purpose. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) does not allow disabling internet filtering software for minors under any circumstances.

The provisions that follow outline the BPL's policies adopted and pursuant to the federal statute:

1. The use by minors of library computer equipment to access material that is obscene, illegal or harmful to minors is prohibited. The BPL utilizes a technology protection measure (internet filtering software) and through the use of a TPM shall use its best efforts to enforce this policy in the library.
2. Access by minors to electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications is prohibited. Minors may utilize email only under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian in the library.
3. UN-authorized access, including hacking and other UN-lawful activities by minors online is prohibited. BPL staff shall use its best efforts to enforce this policy throughout the library.
4. UN-authorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors are prohibited.

The BPL retains the right to determine- what is appropriate use of equipment for the purpose of enforcing this policy. Users may have their privileges revoked if they refuse to abide by the instructions or requests made by Library staff.