



Office of Judicial Administration

Indiana Supreme Court Law Library Acceptable Use Standards for Computers

All electronic traffic originating from the Indiana Supreme Court Law Library connection shall be in accordance with these Acceptable Use Standards. Failure to abide by these standards may result in the loss of internet, computer, and Library privileges.

Acceptable Use

Use of the Law Library's computers shall be guided by the following principles:

- Respect for the privacy of others
- Adherence to the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data
- Consideration for the security and functioning of computers, computer networks, and systems

Unacceptable Use

Unacceptable use of the Indiana Supreme Court Law Library computers includes but is not limited to the following:

- Any activities which violate Federal, State, or local laws
- Transmitting threatening, obscene, or harassing materials, including the use of profanity or offensive language
- Intentional or unintentional disruption of network users, services or equipment, harm to other computer systems, including excessive bandwidth utilization
- Distribution of advertising
- Tampering with computer or network security
- Disconnecting Library equipment, including monitors, network cables, and electrical cords
- Making unauthorized entry into any systems accessible via Library computers
- Representing oneself as another person
- Developing and/or propagating programs that harass other users or cause harm to other computer systems (i.e. computer viruses)

- Copying, file sharing, downloading, or distributing commercial software or other works or materials (i.e. music, movies, or other audio or digital material) in violation of state, federal, or international copyright laws
- Accessing or loading pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material
- Other uses deemed inappropriate at the discretion of the Indiana Supreme Court

Disclaimer

The Indiana Supreme Court Law Library provides access to the internet as a service of convenience to the public. The internet and its available resources contain a wide variety of material and opinions from varied points of view. Users may encounter material that could be considered inappropriate. Parents of minor children assume the responsibility for their children's use of the internet through the Law Library's internet connection.

The Indiana Supreme Court Law Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof. Conducting business or personal transactions such as credit card purchases or bank transactions where personal or business data is stored is not recommended. The Law Library's computing systems do not maintain sufficient safeguards to protect such activities.

Users of Law Library computing resources should be aware of the possibility of computer virus contamination. Viruses may spread to other computers including the user's personal or business computer via email, or media such as CDs or USB Flash Drives. Users are warned that it is not possible to provide a 100% virus free environment and that the user accepts such risks while using the Law Library's computers.