

Internet Use Policy

This policy applies to all users of the Nevada Historical Society's computers or networks. If you have any questions about the policy or what it means, please contact a staff member for more information.

The Internet is a global collection of computer networks that connect thousands of computers all over the world. The Nevada Historical Society cannot monitor all information on the Internet and therefore cannot be held responsible for its content or accuracy. The Internet is an unregulated medium and may contain inaccurate, obsolete, and/ or offensive material. Violations of NRS 200.730 Possession of visual presentation depicting sexual conduct of person under 16 years of age unlawful; penalties; NRS 201.235 Definitions; and/or NRS 201.257 "Harmful to minors" defined, will be considered inappropriate use of the Internet resource.

Patrons agree to hold the Nevada Historical Society harmless and indemnify it against any and all claims or liabilities, directly or indirectly relating to their use of the Internet. All Internet users will be expected to use this resource responsibly and in a way that is consistent with informational and educational purposes.

Mission

The Nevada Historical Society collects and preserves our state's cultural heritage, making it accessible to everyone through education, research, and exhibitions about the people, places, and events that shape Nevada.

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used on library devices to block or filter Internet access, or other forms of electronic communications, to inappropriate information, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub.L.No.16-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)] (hereafter referred to as CIPA). Blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

No Internet filter is 100% effective and staff cannot act In Loco Parentis. Parents/guardians are responsible for the Internet behavior of their minor children. The Nevada Historical Society will comply with the requirements of CIPA while upholding the constitutional and legal rights to privacy and confidentiality of its patrons.

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Policy

1. Children under the age of 13 should have a responsible computer user accompany them during their use of the Internet. As with all materials in the Nevada Historical Society, any restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. For further information on guiding usage, refer to "[Child Safety on the Information Highway](#)". The Nevada Historical Society can neither verify the accuracy of nor control the content of sources found on the Internet.
2. The Nevada Historical Society's Internet connection may be periodically and temporarily inoperable due to technical difficulties. Computing speed may also be affected by a variety of factors beyond the Nevada Historical Society's control. The Nevada Historical Society cannot be held responsible for technical difficulties.
3. Use of the Internet is a privilege not a right. Any inappropriate use in violation of this policy will result in cancellation of your Internet privileges.
4. The Nevada Historical Society retains the right to change the provisions contained in this policy at any time.

Guidelines/Rules

- Computers are primarily intended for access to the collections database, the library catalog, microfilm, and research resources such as newspapers.com or Ancestry.com.
- The library's computing resources are primarily designed for informational and educational use and not communication.
- Users may not use Nevada Historical Society computers to install, run, or access their own software or programs not already installed on the Nevada Historical Society's computers.
- Use of the system for any commercial, illegal, or criminal purpose is not permissible.
- Printing costs are \$.25 per page (single-sided, black and white).
- Use of games, chat rooms, or newsgroups are not permitted.
- Materials on the network may be subject to copyright laws. Any responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user.
- Users may not turn on or reboot computers without staff assistance. Users may not disconnect any cabling from computers (such as power or Ethernet cords) without staff assistance.

With thanks to the Elko Mybrary system, whose policy we adapted.

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