

# The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

## Compliance Policy

1. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law that requires all computers in a public library to be filtered if that library accepts any federal funds for Internet access or computers used for Internet access. [Supreme Court decision: United States v. American Library Association, Inc., No. 02-361 (June 23, 2003)] Cooper-Siegel Community Library complies with the requirements of CIPA.
2. All computers in the Cooper-Siegel Community Library are filtered. Please be aware that filters are unreliable, at times blocking sites of legitimate informational or educational value, or allowing access to sites that are illegal, obscene, or sexually explicit within the meaning of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Sec 5903.
3. Cooper-Siegel Community Library uses filtering software that blocks or filters Internet access to some Internet sites that may not be consistent with the policy of Cooper-Siegel Community Library.
4. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for monitoring their children's use of the Internet and for the information selected and/or accessed by their children. The library strongly encourages parents or legal guardians to supervise their children's Internet use and to provide them with guidelines about acceptable use.
5. Cooper-Siegel Community Library computers cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Pennsylvania, or local laws, including activities in violation of 18 Pa Cons. Stat. Sec. 5903, which prohibits certain acts of public indecency.
6. Any adult (17 years of age or older, as defined by CIPA) may request that the filter or technology protection measure be disabled without significant delay by a Cooper-Siegel Community Library staff member authorized by the Library Director, consistent with the privacy policy of Cooper-Siegel Community Library.
7. An authorized Cooper-Siegel Community Library staff member may override the filter or technology protection measure for a minor (age 16 years or younger, as defined by CIPA) in the event that the filter wrongly blocks or filters Internet access to a site with legitimate informational value.
8. Cooper-Siegel Community Library cannot be responsible for any patron's unauthorized use of a computer with a disabled filter.
9. **Complaint Procedure:** Any patron who wishes to file a complaint about the filtering software on the library computers may do so within thirty (30) days to:
  1. The Library Director and/or the Library Board President;
  2. The Director of the Electronic Information Network;
  3. The Federal Communications Commission.