

UNACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTERS

The computer Internet resources available to the public at the Ector County Library regardless whether the resources are provided by Ector County Library or any other entity may be used only for legal purposes by the public and the staff.

UNACCEPTABLE USE includes, but is not limited to:

- ❖ **Displaying or sending obscene or disruptive messages, files, images or language;**
- ❖ **Harassing, insulting or attacking others online;**
- ❖ **Restarting or shutting down library computers, (ONLY CLOSE PROGRAMS and LOG OFF, if computer FREEZES ask for assistance)**
- ❖ Use of the Library's facilities to gain unauthorized access to the library's network or computer system or to any other network or computer system in any other facility;
- ❖ Obstruction of other people's work by using the system unreasonably or deliberately crashing or disrupting any computer system;
- ❖ **Making an attempt to change computer configuration, hardware, software, to deliberately introduce a computer virus or to cause degradation of any system's performance.**
- ❖ Violation of copyright laws or software licensing agreements by the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials;
- ❖ Engage in tortuous activity, including libel or slander;
- ❖ Downloading software to the hard drive
- ❖ Because of export restrictions, programs or files containing encryption technology are not to be placed on the Internet or transmitted in any way outside the United States;
- ❖ **Any activity which is prohibited by federal, state, or local laws or ordinances;**
- ❖ **Offenses against public order and decency such as Texas Penal Code, Sections 43.21, 43.22 and 43.24; and Code of Ordinances, City of Odessa, Texas, Section 15A-42. Copies of these statutes and ordinances are available at counter.**