

Internet Use at the R H Johnson Library

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Users who access the Internet at R H Johnson Library are required to conduct themselves in an ethical and legal manner, and to adhere to the conditions of use set forth in the Library's policy pertaining to responsibilities of users.*

Access to, or use of, the Internet by minor children is solely the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Children under the age of 19 are not permitted to use the computers in the R.H. Johnson Library's Data Resource Center.

***Responsibilities of users:**

1) Ethical use

Users of the R H Johnson electronic information systems shall employ them in an ethical manner. *Unethical behavior includes:*

Violating the security of any computer system.

Obtaining or employing, without authorization, computer access codes, passwords, or identification numbers assigned to others.

Removing, damaging, or destroying computer hardware and/or peripheral equipment and accessories using the Library's electronic information systems in ways that unnecessarily impede the information gathering activities of others, such as monopolizing one or more computer workstations, using the Library's electronic information systems in ways that create a hostile environment for others, and violating the privacy of other users.

2) Legal use

Users of R H Johnson Library's electronic information systems shall employ them for legal purposes. *Illegal purposes include using the systems to:*

Harass or stalk other persons.

Libel or slander other persons.

Violate Arizona law (ARS 13-2316) by damaging, destroying, or altering, without authorization, any computer or electronic equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library, other persons, or other organizations.

Violate the terms of the licenses under which the Library offers the use of software and data, infringe copyrights of materials, or disrupt or monitor, without authorization, electronic communications.

3) Conditions of use

To ensure that use of R H Johnson Library's electronic information systems is consistent with the legal and ethical standards set forth above, the Library has established the following conditions of use:

Users shall have access to the Library's electronic information systems on a first-come, first-served basis.

Users shall limit their use of the Library's electronic information systems by observing all posted time limits. The Library shall have discretion to impose time limits, and to select the method of monitoring time limits.

Users shall not attempt to change, upload, install, set up, run, or execute any setting, program, or software not authorized by the Library on any of the Library's electronic information systems.

In accordance with the US Law (US Code, Title 17) users shall not reproduce or distribute copyrighted materials without the permission of the copyright holder.

Users shall refrain from violating local, state (ARS 13-3501, 13-3506, 13-3507, 13-3508, and 13-3707), and federal laws and regulations regarding the access, display or transmission of explicit sexual materials.

4) Links to Internet sites

R H Johnson Library, through its Internet home page, provides links to useful Internet World Wide Web sites, which, in turn, may be linked to other sites. In choosing links, R H Johnson Library chooses recommended sites from the American Library Association; however, due to the unregulated nature of the Internet, the Library cannot monitor the sites to which it links, or any subsequent links, and cannot accept responsibility for the content or availability of those sites.

5) Computer "viruses," "worms" and "Trojan horses"

External computers and networks may be unregulated and may contain "viruses," "worms" or "Trojan horses" potentially harmful to users' computer systems.

Responsibility for identifying and eliminating viruses, worms and Trojan horses in data or files downloaded from the Library's electronic information systems shall lie with the user. R H Johnson Library expressly disclaims liability or responsibility for damages resulting from viruses, worms or Trojan horses contained in transmissions, data, files, or programs obtained from or through the Library's electronic information systems.

Responsibilities of Library Staff and Users:

Library staff will not monitor a user's Internet use, except for length of use in order to ensure equal opportunity of access for all Sun City West members.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session that disrupts Library services or that involves user behavior that violates the Library's policies.

Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. However, The R H Johnson Library will not release information on the use of specific Internet resources by members except as required by law.

Response to violations:

Users who violate R H Johnson Library's ethical use or legal use policies, or who refuse to comply with the conditions of use, will be asked to leave the Library, and may lose Library privileges. Users who employ the Library's electronic information systems to commit illegal acts may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

The Library will post the above conditions of use in several prominent places in the Library.