



WIRELESS & PUBLIC NETWORK USAGE POLICY

Mason City Family YMCA

USAGE PRECAUTIONS

In order to protect your computing device and personal information on a shared public Internet connection, it is recommended that you:

- Enable your firewall
- Have the latest operating system updates
- Have anti-virus software installed with the latest updates
- Only submit login information for websites and services if they use secure logins (as shown by HTTPS in the website address)
- Refrain from transmitting confidential, personal, or financial information (such as credit card numbers)

Neither the Internet nor the Mason City Family YMCA guarantees the privacy or confidentiality of information. Sensitive material transferred over the Internet or open wireless networks may be at risk of detection by a third party.

WEBSITE FILTERING

The Internet offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages. However, it also provides access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, illegal, inaccurate, or incomplete. Users are encouraged to evaluate the validity and appropriateness of information accessed via the Internet.

The Mason City Family YMCA uses filtering software which may help to block access to objectionable websites on the Internet. However, the filtering software cannot be guaranteed to block out all objectionable sites, and may block access to useful and legitimate websites.

MISUSE OF NETWORK RESOURCES

Misuse of network resources, illegal activities, or any other activities that interfere with or disrupt the network, users, or services are prohibited. The Mason City Family YMCA reserves the right to monitor the network for such activities. Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of network resources, and to enforce the network usage policy. This includes terminating access to network services or expulsion from the premises, confiscating any removable media, and/or contacting law enforcement authorities.

Misuse of the Mason City Family YMCA network can include, but is not limited to:

- Viewing material that violates federal, state, or local laws or regulations
- Accessing, viewing, printing, or distributing obscenity or pornography
- Hacking into any network devices or computer systems
- Mishandling, damaging, or attempting to damage computer equipment or software
- Tampering with computer or network settings
- Interfering with system operations, integrity, or security
- Attempting to gain or gaining access to another person's files, personal information, accounts, passwords
- Engaging in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment
- Engaging in any activity that is prohibited in the presence of minors
- Violating copyright laws or software licensing agreements
- Refusing or ignoring a staff person's requests concerning the network usage policy or enforcement thereof

STAFF ASSISTANCE

- You are responsible for your own equipment and for setting up your own equipment
- The Mason City Family YMCA cannot accept the liability of handling your equipment
- Staff cannot assist you with your computing device (ie, laptop, tablet, cell phone, etc.)
- Staff cannot assist you with your device's repairs, maintenance, troubleshooting, or removal of infections

LIMITATIONS

- Printing services are not available
- A shared public Internet connection or wireless (or WiFi) network is not secure
- The signal strength of the wireless network varies

USAGE AGREEMENT

In consideration of the privilege of using the Mason City Family YMCA network, any users hereby release the Mason City Family YMCA, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from the use of, or inability to use, or misuse of the Mason City Family YMCA network. The Mason City Family YMCA cannot be held responsible for any theft, loss, damages, or infections on or to personal computing equipment or any data contained therein or contained within online accounts, or any repair costs associated with use or misuse of network resources.