Purpose

This policy outlines the acceptable use of laptops borrowed through the Peterborough Libraries LoanIT Scheme to ensure fair, safe and responsible use of library equipment. By borrowing a library laptop, users agree to the terms outlined below.

Acceptable Use Guidelines

- Laptop loan is restricted to permanent Peterborough Libraries members only

- Devices are intended for personal, educational, or work-related use

- Users must not access, transmit, or store content that is illegal, offensive, or inappropriate

- Users must not attempt to bypass security settings or install any unauthorised software

- Installation of any software, or non-library approved peripherals is strictly prohibited

- Users must not alter or delete system settings or make changes to the device configuration

- Work should be saved to personal cloud storage or external drives

  note: any files saved locally on the laptop will be deleted when the device is returned

- Peterborough Libraries accept no responsibility for data loss during use of the device

- Misuse or violation of these terms may result in suspension of borrowing privileges and /or further action

You must not intentionally access or transmit material that is illegal. This includes pornographic, defamatory and materials inciting racial hatred, websites depicting or inciting terrorist or criminal acts. You should be aware of your responsibilities under the Obscene Publications Act (1959 and 1964), the Telecommunications Act (1984), The Race Relations Act (1976 and 2000), and The Computer Misuse Act (1990). You must not access or transmit material that may be deemed to offend; for example, sites of extreme violence or depicting death or suicide.

This policy does not enumerate all possible inappropriate uses and we may at any time use to decide that a particular use is inappropriate:

– Use of the device for malicious, fraudulent, or misrepresentative purposes is prohibited
– Nothing may be installed or used that modifies, disrupts, or interferes in any way with service for any user, host, or network

You must indicate your acceptance of this policy, or you cannot loan the device from Peterborough Libraries

Policy Updates

Peterborough Libraries reserve the right to revise or update this policy at any time. Updates will be communicated through library channels.