

Takanos of the Lakewood Mosdos תשע"ב-תשע"ג

I. Computers With Internet Access:

Introduction:

- Many children (and adults) have fallen prey to the immoral lures that are present on the Internet, and their lives have been destroyed. Our גדולים have therefore set forth the following תקנות restricting Internet use in the home.
- Currently available filtering and restriction systems do not provide adequate protection. Therefore, the following תקנות apply even in regard to computers with filtered or restricted Internet access.
- Although ineffective as a primary safeguard, parents must implement a filtering or restriction method compatible with their needs.

תקנות:

1. Parents may not have Internet in the home unless it is לצורך פרנסה, and they have obtained a written אישור from one of the designated Rabbonim. This also pertains to businesses in basements etc. This Takanah applies even to an Internet connection used solely for email.
2. "Email only" installations such as YeshivaMail may be used (without an Ishur) provided that a password protected firewall allowing access for email only is installed.
3. Talmidim/Talmidos are forbidden to use any computer that has access to the Internet even for non-Internet use. The obligation on parents to enforce this *under all circumstances* must be treated with utmost seriousness.
4. Wherever possible, a computer with Internet access should be located in a locked room.
5. If the computer cannot be kept in a locked room, the computer must be physically locked in a cabinet or with a computer lock when not in use.
6. Children may never see the Internet in use.
7. Upon stepping away from a computer with Internet access, a parent must manually invoke a password protected screen saver. Additionally, the computer must have the password protected screen saver configured to activate automatically after a designated amount of idle time.
8. Parents must carefully protect the secrecy of passwords and not use passwords that are common or simple to guess. It is recommended to change passwords regularly.
9. In a home which has Internet access, all **non-Internet** computers must have software which bars Internet access.
10. Wi-Fi routers must be encrypted.

It must be stressed that these תקנות do not eliminate the danger that the Internet poses to children. Therefore, the צבור is urged to refrain from having Internet in the home even when it is לצורך פרנסה.

II. Palm Pilots, Hand-Held Game Units (e.g. Sony PSP, Nintendo DS), iPod Touches and Ereaders:

תקנה:

Talmidim/Talmidos may not use any of the above devices if they have wireless or Wi-Fi capability.

Note: Virtually all current models possess this capability.