

# CIPA and LSTA

## 1) What is CIPA?

**Answer:** CIPA stands for the Children's Internet Protection Act, passed by Congress and upheld by the US Supreme Court.

## 2) What sources of federal funds are affected?

**Answer:** The LSTA and E-Rate programs are affected.

## 3) What libraries are affected?

**Answer:** If your public, elementary, or secondary school library applies for a LSTA grant from the California State Library to purchase Internet service, computers, ebook readers, or iPads that access the Internet, your library must be in compliance with CIPA.

## 4) What does "compliance" mean?

**Answer:** Your library must provide a means to block images that constitute obscenity, child pornography and prevent minors from obtaining access to material that is harmful to them.

## 5) What about cell phones?

**Answer:** They are eligible for LSTA if they do not connect to the Internet.

## 6) Can the means to block images be included in the grant application?

**Answer:** No.

## 7) Must a library subject to CIPA filter staff terminals/computers?

**Answer:** Yes. All library computers, including staff computers, must have a technology protection measure installed and running that blocks obscene/child pornography images.

## Resources

- [American Library Association - CIPA](#)
- [FCC --Children's Internet Protection Act](#)
- [Ohio Library Council FAQ on CIPA and LSTA](#)
- [Washington State Library FAQ on CIPA and LSTA](#)
- [State of Wisconsin FAQ on CIPA](#)
- [CIPA resources from WebJunction](#)
- [E-Rate, CIPA and Library Filters: What You Need to Know – Infopeople Webinar slides](#)
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