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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