

# TECHNOLOGY TIP

## INTERNET USAGE AT WORK

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When I was on holiday last week I saw an article in the paper titled "What did people do in the office before the Internet?" Whilst this was said in jest we should all be aware of the abuse that is being made by staff surfing the Internet and using company email for private use.

Business computers are protected against viruses and most against Spam. Using computers for personal usage adds significant risk and load on Company computer systems.

With City Institutions banning the usage of "Facebook" because of the non productive time employees have been spending on the system, we think that the time has come for staff to surf the Internet and deal with private emails at home and not work. With so many people having computers and broadband connections at home, access to high speed Internet is no longer restricted to businesses.

Large companies are spending huge amounts of money on technology to restrict staff access to inappropriate web sites. For smaller companies we believe that producing or changing the Company Internet Usage Policy to take these issues into account and then efficiently enforcing the Policy will really help to make productivity improvements for the business.

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