

Courthouse Public Wireless Access to the Internet

All Federal courthouses in the Eastern District of Washington - Spokane, Yakima, and Richland - are now offering attorneys free wireless internet access. Service is available in the courtrooms and adjacent hallways and attorney conference rooms.

The process for connecting is similar to the one used to make wireless connections in other public places. See instructions below. Since users' equipment varies, the court cannot be responsible for guaranteeing a connection, nor can the court provide technical/troubleshooting assistance.

Cautions:

This wireless connection is not secure! There is no encryption for data passing from your laptop to the Court's internet access. It's unlikely but possible that someone would intercept your communication via sniffing software, operating from a PC in the vicinity of your laptop. **Don't make credit card or banking transactions via this internet connection.**

There's no virus checking nor a firewall provided by this internet access gateway. **We are relying on users protecting themselves via virus protection software on their own PC's.**

Tips on Attaching to the wireless network:

- From system tray, select the wireless icon. View wireless networks. There are three access points in Spokane, named EWA1 and EWA2 on the 9th floor and EWA3 on the 7th. Access points in Yakima are named EWA1 (first floor), EWA2 (second floor) and EWA3 (third floor). The access point in Richland is named EWA. Select the one with strongest signal.
Note: Your laptop may have a switch or special key combination that turns the wireless card on and off. Look for it, if your PC doesn't discover an EWA access point.
- Start your browser
- View the warning screen and click on the 'I Agree' button. The *Eastern District of Washington* home page displays.
- You are now connected to the internet.

Note that the access is slower than broadband. It will take a minute, maybe longer, to get a 1 meg file downloaded. Watch indicators in your browser and be patient. Expect some variation in speed, as it is a shared connection.