Police order on cyber cafe use

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police Commissioner K.K. Paul has asked all cyber café owners to allow only those persons to surf the Internet who carry a valid identity proof. The order will come into effect from July 25. In the wake of increased terrorist activities as well as hoax mails that create panic in the Capital, Dr. Paul has also ordered the cyber café owners to maintain a detailed visitors' register.

The surfers can show their voter I-card, photo credit card, ration card, driving licence or passport as identity proof. They will also have to fill in the visitors' register in their own handwriting and furnish their complete address and telephone numbers.

The surfing activity of the user would be preserved in the main server and these records would be preserved for at least six months. Cyber café owners have also been asked to report any suspicious activities to the police.

Any person found violating the order that will remain in force for two months would be liable for punishment under Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code.