



## ***San Diego County Public Law Library*** **Rules of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy**

The San Diego County Public Law Library has adopted the following rules of conduct and acceptable use policy.

All law library users are expected to follow all Library policies including these Rules of Conduct. Anyone in violation of these rules or whose conduct poses a threat to the safety of Library patrons or staff may be removed and excluded from the library.

Unacceptable behavior, which may be the basis for removal or exclusion, includes behavior that impinges on the rights of others, when it could result in injury to oneself or others or damage to the building or equipment. The Law Library staff shall determine what constitutes unacceptable behavior. Unacceptable behavior includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Disturbing, offending, intimidating or harassing other library patrons or staff.
2. Exhibiting intoxication or drunken behavior. Consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs or carrying or displaying weapons in the library.
3. Using sounds or images in a way that disturbs other library patrons or staff. Disturbing images include, but not limited to display of obscene or sexually explicit materials on computers unrelated to legal research purpose.
4. Having personal hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to others.
5. Using pagers, cell phones, or other electronic devices in Library areas that could disrupt the work of others.
6. Stealing, vandalizing, damaging or defacing library facilities, equipment or materials.
7. Bringing shopping carts or wheeled conveyances except wheelchairs and standard briefcases or collapsible luggage carriers.
8. Bringing bedrolls, blankets, luggage, containers, packages, parcels or bundles which singly or collectively exceed 26" x 19" x 9" or excessively large items that pose a potential safety hazard to others.
9. Refusing to be searched, to have their items inspected or to leave when asked.
10. Using Library restrooms inappropriately including but not limited to bathing or washing of clothes.
11. Smoking or chewing tobacco.
12. Bringing food or drinks in non-spill proof containers or eating in the library except during library-sponsored events.
13. Soliciting, panhandling, sleeping, or loitering in or around the Library building.
14. Bringing animals other than licensed guide or service animals into the building.
15. Coming into the library without wearing shoes and a shirt.
16. Bringing or leaving children (below 14 years of age) unsupervised at any time in the library.
17. Distributing printed material or taking photos in the Library without prior authorization from the Library Administration or a designated representative.
18. Engaging in lewd conduct including but not limited to flashing, petting or sexually-oriented gestures, sounds or comments.
19. Engaging in loud conversation or using abusive or obscene language.
20. Maliciously accessing, altering, deleting, damaging or destroying any computer system, network, computer program or data.
21. Engaging in any illegal activity.



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Any person who violates these rules may be asked to leave or removed from the library by the Library security guard or staff. The person removed shall not enter the building, premises or grounds of the Library for the remainder of the business day or for a period of time as may be specified by the Director of the Library or the Director's designee in writing. Continued violation of any of these rules despite a warning from the Library security guard or staff shall result in suspension of that person's privileges to use the Library for such period of time as deemed appropriate by the Director of the Library or the Director's designee in writing. Any person who refuses to leave when asked or re-enters the building during the term of his or her suspension shall be considered a trespasser, the police will be notified and they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A copy of this Rules and Policy shall be posted at the Law Library's entrance.

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Robert E. Riger, Law Library Director