

Public Code of Conduct

Acceptable Behaviour Requirements

Generally, members of the library public are expected to act with respect and consideration towards other members of the public, staff and volunteers. Specifically, members of the library public shall:

- Attend to and supervise children in their care
- Follow reasonable direction of a library staff member
- Monitor personal belongings
- Dress appropriately

Unacceptable Behaviours

Examples of behaviours that are **not** permitted include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive and Inappropriate Conduct
 - Excessive noise
 - Obscene language
 - Sleeping on library premises
 - Body odour that is highly offensive
 - Using sports equipment in the library
 - Contravention of health and safety guidelines
 - Photographing and/or filming in the library without written approval from a senior staff member.
 - Bringing in animals that are not licensed service animals or part of a library program
 - Soliciting, petitioning, or distributing written materials or canvassing for political, charitable or religious purposes
- Harassment & Abuse
 - This includes active and passive threats, verbal and physical abuse and harassment, discriminatory and obscene language
- Use of Alcohol or Drugs
 - Being under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance
 - Selling, using, or possessing illegal substances
 - Smoking or other use of tobacco
- Vandalism & Theft
 - Deliberate damage (including defacement), misuse, or theft of library or personal property
- Behaviours that may result in Criminal Charges
 - Carrying and displaying weapons or implements with intent
 - Violating the Library's rules for public internet access as outlined in Library Board Policy 3.0 Electronic Resources

Consequences

Those persons who do not follow this Public Code of Conduct may be subject to the following:

- Exclusion from SGPL premises
- Suspension of SGPL privileges and services
- Cost-recovery for damages
- Criminal prosecution

Conduct in public libraries is prescribed by various federal, provincial, and municipal legislation, including, but not restricted to:

- [Human Rights Act \(Alberta\)](#)
- [Criminal Code \(Canada\)](#)
- [Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act \(Alberta\)](#)
- [Trespass to Premises Act \(Alberta\)](#)
- [Libraries Act \(Alberta\)](#)