

Law Library Rules of Conduct: Significant Violations

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This category includes unlawful, unsafe, or seriously disruptive behaviors, including interfering with library employees in the performance of their duties, obstructing or intimidating patrons of the library, damaging library property, or entering non-public areas without authorization (CA Penal Code sec. 602.1(b)).

Significant violations will result in the immediate suspension of library privileges for a period of 7 days or longer, and the issuance of a Suspension Notice. Law enforcement may be called and additional legal action may occur, as appropriate.

- Engaging in any activity prohibited by federal, state, or local law.
- Fighting, challenging to fight, yelling at, or stalking library staff or patrons.
- Abusive, harassing, threatening, intimidating, insulting, belittling or obscene language (including name calling), gestures or behaviors directed towards library staff or patrons. This includes prolonged staring.
- Sexual misconduct or harassment, including sex acts, exposure, touching or soliciting.
- Carrying or displaying weapons of any type. (CA Penal Code section 171b)
- Possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs, or displaying drug paraphernalia.
- Theft, damage, or destruction of library property or the property of others. (CA Penal Code section 490.5)
- Entering staff areas without staff approval.
- Refusal to follow reasonable direction from library staff or security personnel. Any person who refuses to leave when asked shall be considered a trespasser.
- Trespass by suspended patron. Patrons who are suspended are not permitted to use library services or enter onto library property. Patrons entering or attempting to enter the library while suspended may be arrested and prosecuted for unlawful entry under CA Penal Code 602.1(b).