



CLARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY CODE OF PATRON CONDUCT

Adopted by the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees 4/30/15

POLICY GOAL: The purpose of the Code of Patron Conduct is to provide a pleasant atmosphere which facilitates the process of legal research. It is the desire of the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees to provide a law library environment encouraging the acquisition of knowledge of the law through reading, writing, and quiet study; as such, the Law Library is intended for use by persons engaged in law-related research or procedures. These rules of conduct are meant to ensure an environment conducive to the furtherance of legal study.

POLICY: The following articles constitute the Code of Patron Conduct:

1. Intent to utilize resources. Patrons shall be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public law library while in the library building or on the library premises. Patrons not engaged in reading, studying, or using library materials shall be required to leave the library.
2. Disruptive behavior. Patrons shall not harass, disturb or annoy other patrons or staff.
3. Sleeping. Sleeping is prohibited in the library.
4. Solicitation. Selling and/ or solicitation are prohibited in the library.
5. Children. Unattended children are not allowed in the library. In the event that a child is left unattended, library staff shall notify the police. Any adult bringing a child into the library must supervise and monitor the child's behavior at all times. If the child's behavior disturbs library patrons or staff, or results in damage to library property, the staff may seek removal of the adult and child from the library.
6. Baggage. Briefcases, containers, luggage, packages or bundles exceeding 24" x 16" x 10" collectively are prohibited. Sleeping bags, bedrolls and blankets are also prohibited. Unattended belongings will be turned over to security.
7. Hygiene/Dress. Any person, including the personal belongings of any person, emanating an offensive odor constituting a nuisance to other persons will be asked to leave the library until the situation can be corrected. Shaving, bathing and washing of personal items is prohibited. Shoes or other footwear and shirts or other clothing covering the body must be worn at all times while in the library.
8. Seating. Walkways and aisles must be kept clear.
9. Bicycles. Bicycles are not permitted in the library.
10. Re-shelving. Library patrons must re-shelve their books. Microfiche is to be placed in the designated receptacle for library staff to file.
11. Furniture. Rearranging furniture is not permitted.
12. Equipment. Do not attempt to make repairs to library equipment; please ask staff for assistance.
13. Theft and vandalism. Both are punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to N.R.S. 379.160. If a patron activates the alarm but refuses to submit to a "plain view" search by opening their belongings, the staff will detain the patron and the police will be summoned immediately.
14. Food and drink. Food is not permitted in the library and drinks must have a spill proof cap.
15. Smoking. Smoking is not permitted pursuant to N.R.S. 202.2491.
16. Cellular telephones. Cell phones must be set to "vibrate" or be turned off while in the library.
17. Animals. Animals are not allowed in the library with the exception of properly identified service animals.
18. Computer research. The Law Library provides computers to aid patrons in their legal research. Use of the computers to play games, view pornography, or for other non-law related use is prohibited.
19. Alcohol/Drugs. Patrons who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or who are selling, using, or distributing alcohol or drugs while in the Clark County Law Library will be subject to arrest.

Discretion of Library Staff: No policy can address all potential circumstances. Staff reserves the right to address issues on a case by case basis including, but not limited to disruptive and harassing behavior, requests for privileges, and use of facilities.