

# OHSU Library Rules of Conduct

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The purpose of OHSU Library's Rules of Conduct is to protect the rights and safety of library patrons, staff, and facilities in order to provide an environment conducive to learning and meeting the educational, research, clinical care and medical decision-making needs of its users.

Use of the Library by the public is a privilege and requires individual users to act responsibly.

## **Expectations of behavior:**

Respect the educational needs, rights and privacy of others and show consideration for the Library as a learning space.

## **The following behaviors/actions are prohibited:**

- Violating or attempting to violate any federal, state or local law or ordinance.
- Violating OHSU or OHSU Library rules or policies.
- Engaging in inappropriate behavior within a library environment (some examples include, but are not limited to: making threatening or hostile comments or gestures; stalking; harassing others).
- Engaging in disruptive behavior that interferes with others' use of the Library (some examples include, but are not limited to: distracting use of cell phones or other electronic devices; obstructing Library space with personal belongings; encroachment into staff work areas; using restrooms for bathing or shaving; disturbing others by being loud).
- Unsupervised or unattended minors.
- Behavior that damages, is excessive, or is an inappropriate use of Library facilities, materials, or equipment.
- Bringing animals (with the exception of assistance animals or those approved by authorized Library staff) into the Library.
- Refusing to comply with reasonable direction of a Library staff member.

## **Consequences for violating OHSU Library's Rules of Conduct**

Persons who violate these or Oregon Health and Science University's Rules of Conduct may be asked to modify their behavior, leave the Library, or in some cases, be reported to OHSU's Public Safety department and/or appropriate law enforcement agency.

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