

Jenkins Law Library Standards of Acceptable Behavior

The standards listed below and the Jenkins Law Library Computer and Network Use Policy are intended to support library operations by clarifying and delineating acceptable behavior. Clear standards encourage constructive solutions to problems.

The Jenkins Law Library provides facilities where members and visitors can study, obtain information, and pursue research. Jenkins staff can direct you to resources that will help you get started with your research. **We cannot answer your legal questions because we are not attorneys.** In fact, we will tell you that you should consult an attorney if you have a legal problem.

Library users must be protected from unreasonable interruption or distraction, from concern about their personal privacy or personal safety, and from any other intrusion on their ability to concentrate or to use the library satisfactorily. Staff must be treated respectfully and be able to provide service unimpeded by harassment, abuse or other undue stress.

Behavior becomes unacceptable when it impinges on the rights of others, when it could result in injury to oneself or others, or when it could result in damage to the facility or equipment. Any activity or behavior not specifically cited that is detrimental to library use or subject to prosecution under criminal or civil codes of law will not be tolerated. Offending persons will be asked to modify their behavior or leave the library. If they refuse, the police will be called.

The librarian in charge has the discretion to ask a member or visitor to leave if behavior does not comply with the library's Standards and Policies, or should a situation arise that in his or her judgment is unacceptable. Please notify a staff member if you witness anyone violating these standards.

The following behaviors and activities are specifically prohibited:

- Loud, disruptive or disorderly conduct - audio equipment is only allowed with earphones and played at a low volume
- Harassing or threatening behavior, language or gestures whether to library staff or customers
- Leaving children unattended or failing to adequately supervise children or other individuals requiring care
- Using the Internet or a similar service to send, receive or display media which may be considered offensive by library staff or customers.
- Animals (Service animals are permitted)
- Damaging, destroying, or unlawfully removing library material or property
- Using library equipment in a careless manner that could cause damage
- Soliciting, loitering, or sleeping
- Weapons or explosives of any kind
- Using library restrooms or other areas for inappropriate purposes such as bathing or doing laundry
- **Not exiting in a timely manner when library closes**

Jenkins Law Library Cell Phone Rules

Upon entering the library, please set your cell phone ringer to low volume, mute or vibrate mode. If possible, use cell phones in the phone booth, located in the reference area so that other researchers will not be disturbed. If you receive a call in the open stack or public area, keep conversation brief. If this is not possible, proceed to the phone booth.

The rules set forth in this policy are in addition to, and do not supersede the requirements and prohibitions applying to every person under local, state and federal laws.