



Board Policy Rules of Conduct

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The purpose of this policy is to enhance the protection and safety of those using Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) and to ensure that a visit to a library is a safe and pleasant experience. Violation of the Rules of Conduct may result in suspension of privileges and or expulsion from library premises.

- Abusive, discriminatory, harassing, illegal, threatening or violent conduct or language of any kind is not permitted.
- Persons engaging in disruptive behaviours will be escorted off the premises.
- Persons may be required to make available for inspection all bags and carrying cases when leaving the premises.
- The use of alcohol, illegal drugs and the possession of illegal drug paraphernalia is not allowed on library premises.
- Smoking tobacco, cannabis or other substances inside library buildings and within six metres of any library is not permitted. This includes the use of e-cigarettes.
- Persons found stealing, damaging or defacing VIRL property or materials will have their library privileges cancelled and may be prosecuted under the Criminal Code.
- Parents, guardians and caregivers must provide supervision and care of their children while on library premises.
- VIRL does not accept any responsibility for personal items, lost or stolen on its premises.
- Loitering on library premises before, during and/or after hours is not permitted.
- Library materials cannot be taken into the washroom.
- Members of the public must obey copyright laws, licensing agreements and other intellectual property rights.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn.
- Roller blades, skate boards and other sports equipment may not be used in the library.
- Pets are not allowed on the premises, with the exception of trained assistance animals and/or those approved for library programs.
- Soliciting, canvassing, selling or distributing unsolicited materials on library property is prohibited.
- Authorization from the Director of Corporate Communications & Strategic Initiatives or the Director of Library Services & Planning or designate must be obtained for photographing, filming or video recording on all library premises.

Adoption History

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