

# Conduct Policy

The New Lines Institute (NLI) Library has adopted the following conduct policy to provide an atmosphere conducive to the appropriate use of the institute's facilities and systems. In addition to the behaviors and actions listed below, NLI adopts the American Library Association's Online Code of Conduct principles. This statement can be found at <https://connect.ala.org/codeofconduct>

The following behaviors and actions are strictly prohibited in the library (both online and physical spaces):

- **Disruptive behavior:** Any behavior that interferes with or disrupts the use of library services by others.
- **Inappropriate communication:** Disrespectful, obscene, or harassing communication in any form.
- **Unauthorized use of library resources:** Using library resources for unauthorized purposes, including commercial activities, personal profit, or unrelated non-academic endeavors.
- **Improper use of library materials:** Removing, accessing, or using materials without permission or in violation of any library use agreements.
- **Unauthorized database access:** Accessing the library's online database collection without proper authorization.
- **System disruption or misuse:**
  - » Attempting to hack, disrupt, or bypass library systems or services.
  - » Engaging in excessive downloading or other activities that degrade system performance or restrict access for other users.
- **Misuse of communication channels:**
  - » Spamming library channels (e.g., email, chat, forums) with irrelevant, inappropriate, or commercial content.
  - » Sharing malicious links, attachments, or files.
- **Privacy violations:**
  - » Accessing, sharing, or misusing the personal information of library users or staff.
  - » Recording, screenshotting, or distributing private interactions (e.g., virtual consultations) without consent
- **Unauthorized distribution of materials:** Distributing or posting materials not approved by the library.
- **Solicitation and commercial activity:** Selling, soliciting, or advertising for money, items, or services within the library.
- **Property damage or theft:** Damaging, stealing, or misusing library property.
- **Prohibited behavior in physical library spaces:**
  - » Eating in library facilities.
  - » Smoking, vaping, or using tobacco products.
  - » Possessing or consuming alcohol, illegal drugs, or being under the influence of intoxicants.
- **Access obstruction:** Blocking or attempting to block another patron's access to library resources or facilities.
- **Weapons:** Possession of weapons of any kind is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate expulsion.
- **Noncompliance with university policies:** Failure to adhere to broader university policies while using library facilities, services, or resources.