The Health Sciences Library is a shared learning environment. For the comfort of your fellow users and your safety, please comply with the following:

Food and Drink:
- Cold food and drinks in covered containers are permitted in all areas except the Rare Books Room, near computers and in the e-classroom. Please do not eat hot food or full meals in the library.

Garbage:
- Please clear away your garbage and waste materials by putting them in the proper receptacles. Recycling of materials is encouraged.

Noise:
- Loud conversation, offensive language, rowdy or disruptive behaviour is prohibited.
- Conversation is not permitted in the Silent Study area on the lower floor.

Electronic Devices:
- **Cell Phones** - Cell phone use is prohibited in the Silent Study and Quiet Study areas on the lower floor. Please put your phone on vibrate in the library, and be considerate of others when talking.
- **CD players, MP3 players, etc** - The volume on personal audio devices must be kept low.
- **Laptops** - Users should "mute" the sound unless earphones are being used.
- **Library Computers/Laptops** - Patrons will abide by the University's Acceptable Use policies for campus computers (http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/policy/netcond.htm).

Study Space:
- Study space [with the exception of Study Rooms] cannot be reserved. Unattended materials and personal belongings may be removed by staff.
- The Library is not responsible for unattended items.

Health & Safety:
- Please do not move or rearrange library furniture.
- Do not block access to Library collections, facilities and services, particularly fire exits.
- Electrical cords must not cross aisles or open spaces. Please use the electrical outlets provided in the centre of e-tables or study carrels.
- The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards and bicycles is not permitted
- Staff is not responsible for the safety or supervision of children left unattended in the Library. If the parent of an unattended child cannot be located, staff may contact the Children’s Aid Society or the police.

Vandalism & Soliciting:
- Do not vandalize or deface the Health Sciences Library, its collections, furniture or equipment.
- Soliciting and begging are not permitted in the Health Sciences Library.

Filming:
- Photographing, filming or video/audio recording is prohibited without the express prior permission of a designated senior library manager.

**Enforcement** - Health Sciences Library staff will monitor patron behaviour. Individuals found to be in contravention of these regulations may be asked to leave the library. If the inappropriate behaviour continues and/or if the individual or group refuses to leave the library, security will be called. Individuals found in contravention of these regulations may face action under the Student Code of Conduct (http://studentaffairs.mcmaster.ca/student_code_of_conduct.htm).

**Identification** - Library staff may request a library user to produce his/her university or hospital identification card. If an individual fails to produce identification, he/she may be asked to leave the library.