

**Number:** LIB-014P  
**Title:** NOISE CONTROL

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## PURPOSE & INTENT

The purpose of this policy is to provide suitable environments for individual and group study, research, and public service activities.

## STATEMENT OF GUIDELINE

In effort to distinguish levels of noise permissible, designated floors or areas will be established as low talking/group study or quiet zones and will be posted.

All lobbies are considered cell phone/other devices friendly and suitable for group study; Patrons conducting cell phone conversations in low talking or quiet zones, at service desk, or have cell phones or devices which generate sounds, and are reported as disturbing other patrons, will be asked to take calls to another area.

Inappropriate use of cell phones, mobile devices, or loud group study should be reported to a library services desk staff member, who will resolve the difficulty, as necessary.

It is the right of all library users to expect that the library's noise guidelines will be enforced. Library users are free to speak to others who are not following these guidelines. If the noise continues or if a user feels uncomfortable asking for themselves, they are encouraged to ask a library staff member for assistance. Library users who persist in being loud or unruly after being warned will be referred to the campus police.

These guidelines cover all USF Libraries. Services, equipment, and location may vary.