

Restroom Policy

Facilities/Restroom Policy

The City of Chelsea strives to create and sustain an environment that supports and values all members of our community. One aspect of creating a supportive environment is providing safe, accessible, and convenient restroom facilities. Patrons should use the restroom facilities that they feel correspond to their sex or gender identity. The public bathrooms are open for use by all the general public, regardless of ability, gender identity or age. As such, the City and the Library reserve the right to enforce this policy when staff feels it is being violated by inappropriate or illegal behavior.

INAPPROPRIATE AND/OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Committing or attempting to commit any activity that constitutes a violation of any federal, state or local statute or ordinance.
- Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd behavior on Library premises.
- Use of controlled substances on Library premises.
- Smoking or other use of tobacco or marijuana inside Library buildings.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages on Library premises.
- Use of restrooms for bathing, shaving, washing hair, or changing clothes.

ADDITIONALLY, THE CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL USERS OF OUR FACILITIES. AS SUCH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POLICIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED:

- Only one person may use the entire restroom facility area at a time. The exception to this applies to parents or caregivers of children, disabled patrons requiring assistance and any patron requiring medical assistance.
- Due to the limited restroom facilities, we ask that patrons respect other users waiting and limit their time in the restrooms. In response to a concern for all users, library staff will respond to users who are in the facilities for an extended amount of time. The order of communication will escalate as necessary culminating in calling for assistance from the Chelsea Police or Fire Departments.
- The Library bathrooms will close for the night fifteen minutes before the building closes, allowing the staff to ensure the facilities are empty at closing time.
- While the Children's department is opened and staffed, a key to the locked restroom will be available to gain access. When the Children's Department is closed, but the remainder of the building is still open, patrons may gain access by pressing the buzzer located next to the door of the bathroom and a staff member will allow access as soon as they are able.