



## **Security Gate Policy**

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The security gates trigger an audible alarm when materials not checked out are removed from the library. When someone triggers the alarm, they will be asked to stop. Sometimes items other than WPL materials may activate the alarm. In addition, materials already checked out may activate the alarm.

Library staff will have the right to verify that all materials in patron's possession have been checked out.

If staff cannot verify what is causing the alarm to sound, they will request to inspect the contents of purses, bags, backpacks, briefcases, clothing, or similar items. If staff still cannot determine the cause of the alarm, they may contact the police. If concealed materials are discovered, and not checked out, staff may ask for identification, which will be forwarded to the director. If identification is refused, staff may contact the police.