

## Batch deleting patrons or items with loans

- **Product:** Aleph
  - **Product Version:** 20, 21, 22, 23
  - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct, Direct, Local, Total Care
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### Description

Can we batch delete items which are on loan or patrons who have items on loan?

### Resolution

The item-deletion (item-11) and patron-deletion (cir-23) programs do not allow the deletion of items on loan or patrons\* with loans. If the loan is being deleted or ignored for a patron, something needs to be done with the item record, since this means that the book is not present in the library. It would seem that this sequence should be followed: delete the loan record for any items you are planning to delete. (This could be done either with the GUI Circ "Delete loan" function or SQL.) Then run item-11 to delete the items.

In the case where you want to delete a patron who has an item on loan, delete the loan, delete the item (or change its item status to Lost or Missing\*\*), and then delete the patron.

\*Note: The cir-23 patron deletion Service has an "Override Loan" option, but this is **not** functional. As noted in the cir-23 Help, loans cannot be overridden.

See also, the article, [How to purge patrons with loans and fines attached](#) .

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