

Flint Institute of Arts Patron Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct is applicable to all persons while on property of the FIA.

1. No food or drink is permitted in the galleries, including chewing gum.
2. Weapons of any kind are not permitted on the property.
3. Youth under the age of sixteen are not permitted in the building unattended without prior arrangement. There must be one adult per every four children on the premises.
4. Smoking, including vaping, is prohibited in the building or within 25 feet of any entrance.
5. Recordings of any type (radios, tape, CD, or MP3 players, televisions, computers, and phones) are prohibited without headphones. The volume must be such that others cannot hear the sound.
6. FIA security officers and employees may restrict parcels that, in their sole opinion, are oversized or dangerous. No parcel larger than 11 inches by 15 inches in either dimension may be carried into the galleries without pre-arrangement. Folding oversized parcels to reduce their size may not result in an exception being made.
7. All parcels are subject to search at any time. This is a condition of entry into the building. If you do not agree to this condition, please do not enter. FIA security officers do not discriminate in enforcing this policy. Upon leaving the building, the FIA security officer or an employee can examine your parcels.
8. Umbrellas and other items that can damage works of art may not be carried into the galleries. They must be checked in the coat room.
9. Backpacks and rigid baby carriers may not be carried on the back in the galleries. Soft, non-rigid baby carriers may be carried on the front only. Backpacks are not permitted in the galleries.
10. Running, pushing, shoving, or similar activity deemed dangerous by an employee is prohibited.
11. There is to be no loitering or assembly of groups not using the FIA for its intended purpose.
12. Disorderly, disruptive, abusive, or offensive language or actions are prohibited.
13. Visitors must be properly attired, including shoes and shirts.
14. Littering is not permitted.
15. Touching employees without their express permission is not permitted.
16. Touching of collection objects is not permitted. Leaning on or placing items on objects or exhibition display cases could damage works of art and is also prohibited.
17. Posted instructions must be obeyed (areas closed, "staff only," etc.).
18. Galleries close on the hour, 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 pm on Thursday. Five minutes before closing, FIA security offices will ask visitors to move toward the exits.
19. FIA security officers and employees can close areas for any reason. Please obey their instructions.
20. In emergencies, visitors must evacuate the building immediately when and where instructed.

Failure to observe the rules may result in the violator being asked to leave the FIA.