

FIA Patron Code of Conduct

It is the policy of the Flint Institute of Arts to apply the following code of conduct to all persons while on property.

1. No food or drink is permitted in the galleries including chewing gum.
2. Weapons are not permitted on the property.
3. Youth under the age of 16 are not permitted in the building unattended without prior arrangement.
4. Smoking is not permitted in the building.
5. Radios, tape, CD, or MP3 players or televisions are not permitted without headphones. Volume must be such that others cannot hear the sound.
6. FIA security officers and staff 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. This policy complies with a national standard for all museums in North America and exceptions will not be routinely granted. 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. Your parcels can be examined by the FIA security officer or an employee upon leaving the building. This policy complies with a national standard for security in all museums in North America.
8. Umbrellas and other items that can damage works of art may not be carried into the galleries. They must be checked at the coatroom.
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 that is deemed dangerous by a staff member is not permitted.
11. There is to be no loitering or assembly of groups who are not using the museum 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 staff members without their express permission is not permitted.
16. Touching of collection objects is not permitted. Leaning on or placing items on objects or exhibit display cases could damage works of art and is also prohibited.
17. Posted instructions are to be obeyed (areas closed, "staff only", etc.).
18. Galleries close on the hour, 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 pm on Thursday. At 5 minutes before closing, FIA security offices will ask visitors to move toward the exits.
19. FIA security officers and staff have the authority to close areas for any reason. Please obey their instructions.
20. In emergencies visitors must evacuate the building immediately when instructed.

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