

# **U. S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM**

## **Policies & Procedures**

### **Regulations Governing the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Buildings and Grounds**

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#### **GENERAL**

These regulations apply to all buildings and grounds of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and to all persons entering in or on such buildings and grounds, hereinafter referred to as the premises. All authorizations hereunder are valid only if made in writing by the Director, or as delegated in writing by the Director. These regulations are consistent with the Conduct on Federal Property regulations, 41 C.F.R. Part 102-74, and nothing in these rules and regulations shall be construed to abrogate any other applicable laws or regulations.

#### **ACCESS TO BUILDINGS**

Except as otherwise ordered, USHMM buildings shall be closed to the public after normal visiting hours. Such buildings, or portions thereof, shall also be closed to the public in emergency situations and at such other times as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of business. Whenever the buildings are closed to the public for any reason, visitors will immediately leave the premises upon being requested by a guard or other authorized individuals. Admission to the buildings during periods when they are closed to the public will be limited to authorized individuals who will be required to register and identify themselves when requested by guards or other authorized individuals.

#### **PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY**

It is unlawful willfully to destroy or damage property on the premises or to remove from the premises property or any part thereof unless specifically authorized. Touching of any work of art or other document, object, or artifact in the Museum's collections and exhibitions is forbidden, unless specifically authorized. Any parcels, portfolios, bags or containers of any kind may be required to be opened and the contents identified prior to their being allowed to enter or leave the premises. In order to remove any property from premises, a properly completed property pass signed by an authorized official of the USHMM may be required prior to such removal.

#### **CONFORMITY WITH SIGNS AND EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS**

Persons in or on the premises shall comply with official signs of a prohibitory or directory nature and with the directions of authorized individuals.

## **NUISANCES**

The use of loud, abusive, or otherwise improper language, unwarranted loitering, sleeping or assembly, the creation of any hazard to persons or things, improper disposal of rubbish, spitting, other unseemly or disorderly conduct on the premises, throwing articles of any kind from or within a building, or climbing upon any part of a building or work of art is prohibited.

## **GAMBLING**

Participating in games for money or other gain or profit or the operation of gambling devices, the conduct of a lottery or pool, or the selling or purchasing of numbered tickets in or on the premises is prohibited.

## **INTOXICATING BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Entering the premises or the operating of a motor vehicle thereon by a person under the influence of any intoxicating beverage, narcotic drug or other controlled substance or the unauthorized introduction or use of such substance in or on the premises is prohibited. The introduction or the consumption of intoxicating beverages on the premises is prohibited, except as officially authorized.

## **SMOKING**

Smoking in USHMM Buildings is prohibited.

## **SOLICITING, VENDING, DEBT COLLECTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS**

The soliciting of alms and contributions, commercial soliciting and vending of all kinds, the display or distribution of commercial advertising, or the collection of private debts, in or on the premises, is prohibited. This rule does not apply to national or local drives for funds, for welfare, health, and other purposes sponsored or approved by the USHMM, to authorized vendors and concessionaires and to personal notices posted by employees on authorized bulletin boards. Unauthorized distribution of material, such as pamphlets, handbills, and flyers is prohibited.

## **PLACARDS, SIGNS, BANNERS, AND FLAGS**

The displaying or carrying of placards, signs, banners, or flags is prohibited unless officially authorized, except for the wearing of material which does not pose a potential hazard to persons, property, or exhibits.

## **DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS**

Except seeing eye dogs, other guide dogs and animals used to guide or assist handicapped persons, dogs or other animals may not be brought upon the premises except as officially authorized.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS FOR NEWS, ADVERTISING, OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

No photographs for news, advertising, or any other commercial purpose may be taken on the premises, except as officially authorized. No video or flash cameras may be used inside the Museum, except as officially authorized.

## **ITEMS TO BE CHECKED**

Oversized objects, such as briefcases, suitcases, etc., and umbrellas, canes (not needed to assist in walking), or other objects capable of inflicting damage to property or exhibits may be required to be checked in the checking facilities provided.

## **INSPECTION PROCEDURES**

Individuals, vehicles, and items will be subject to inspection upon entry to Museum premises. Oversized objects, such as briefcases, suitcases, and umbrellas and canes (not needed to assist in walking), or other objects capable of inflicting damage to property or exhibits may be required to be checked in the coatroom or another designated area.

## **VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC**

(a) Drivers of all vehicles in or on the premises shall drive in a careful and safe manner at all times and shall comply with the signals and directions of the guards and traffic and parking signs and other directives as may be posted from time to time. (b) The blocking of entrances, driveways, walks, loading platforms, or fire hydrants on the premises is prohibited. Parking without authority, or parking in unauthorized locations or in locations reserved for other persons or contrary to the direction of posted signs, is prohibited.

## **WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES**

No person while on the premises shall carry firearms, other dangerous and deadly weapons, explosives or incendiary devices (or any part thereof) either openly or concealed, except for official purposes.

## **NONDISCRIMINATION**

These regulations will be applied without discrimination as to race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual preference or handicapped condition.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

The USHMM reserves the right to take actions to enforce these regulations as appropriate and permitted by law, including the right to detain and remove persons from the premises.