

Mayborn Museum Visitor Conduct Guide

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Museum Exhibits

- The Museum encourages close inspection of objects on display. To protect our collections, please do not touch any objects unless signage indicates otherwise.
- Please do not touch, lean, climb, sit, or place items on the exhibit platforms, over obvious barriers, on interpretive panels, display cases, or walls.
- Please do not engage in behavior that would result in being destructive to the exhibits.

Appropriate Attire

- Visitors are required to wear proper attire (as determined by Museum personnel at their sole discretion) while on the Museum property.
- We recommend and encourage you to wear shoes for safety.
- Display of profane, obscene or injurious language, texts or graphics for public view is prohibited. Visitors displaying such language on clothing will be asked to either change or otherwise cover the offensive image/language or leave the Museum property.

Children

- Children under the age of 16 may not be left unattended for any period of time. All children under the age of 16 must be closely supervised and/or accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
 - Adult supervision for general visitation must be at least 16 years of age.
 - Adult supervision for any visiting school or community groups must be at least 18 years of age.

Photography or Video Recording

- Commercial photography is not permitted without prior written approval by the Assistant Director of Exhibits, Communication, and Visitor Services. In some instances, a fee may be applicable.
- Flash photography is permitted unless otherwise noted
- Video lighting, selfie sticks, tripods, or other equipment is not allowed anywhere inside of the Mayborn Museum Complex without prior consent of the museum staff

Consumption of Food and Beverages

- Consumption of food and beverages is prohibited in the Anding Traveling Exhibit Gallery
- Consumption of food and beverages is allowed in all other public areas of the museum; however, Mayborn Museum staff reserves the right to ask visitors to cease consumption of food and beverages if their consumption habits threaten the collection or exhibits in any way.
- Visitors are encouraged to clean up after themselves in order to provide a positive experience for everyone.

Tobacco Usage

- In accordance with University policy, smoking is prohibited on all campus property at Baylor University, including at the Mayborn Museum Complex. Use of all other tobacco products (including electronic cigarettes and vaporizers) is also prohibited.
 - Baylor's Tobacco Policy can be found here: <http://www.baylor.edu/tobaccofree/>

Weapons

- As a private university, Baylor has decided to opt out of the “campus carry law” and continue to prohibit license holders from carrying guns (concealed or open carry) on Baylor University campus.
 - Baylor's Handgun Policy can be found here: <http://www.baylor.edu/dps/index.php?id=93487>
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Disruptive Behavior

- The Mayborn Museum Complex does not permit behavior that is incompatible with the use of the Museum by its visitors or staff. Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to:
 - soliciting,
 - posting or distributing any sign, petition, notice, ad, pamphlet, or other print materials without Museum permission,
 - creating a disturbance/excessive noise of any kind (such as yelling and audible music devices),
 - using abusive language/profanity,
 - sexual harassment or any overt sexual behavior,
 - overt signs of substance abuse, including drunkenness,
 - sleeping in or bringing bedding into any Museum facility,
 - obstructing foot traffic,
 - entering any non-public area without authorization,
 - using bikes, skateboards, skates, Heelys and any other rolling shoes, or hoverboards anywhere in the Mayborn Museum Complex, and
 - fighting, running, pushing, shoving, jumping or any other rowdy behavior.
- Visitors who refuse to cease disruptive behaviors may be asked to leave the premises.

Criminal Behavior

- The Mayborn Museum Complex will notify law enforcement authorities of any violations of federal law, state law, or Baylor University's rules and regulations.

Service Dogs

- In accordance with Baylor University policy, Service animals are permitted inside University-controlled property.
 - Baylor's Pets on Campus Policy can be found here:
<https://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/107479.pdf>

Breastfeeding

- Mothers are permitted to breastfeed their baby anywhere that the public is allowed within the Museum.
 - Texas's law on breastfeeding can be found here: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.165.htm#165.002>

Mask Policy

- Masks or other effective facial coverings will be required for all staff and for all visitors except young children under age 2.
 - **No exceptions.**
 - Masks must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields are not an adequate replacement. Gaiters, bandanas, scarves, and masks with valves are not suitable face coverings and not permitted in Baylor University buildings.