

SCIENCE MUSEUM: ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES

Opening times

We are open every day from 10.00-18.00. Last entry to the Museum is at 17.15, and we start clearing galleries from 17.30.

During school holidays we are open until 19.00.

The Museum is closed 24-26 December.

On the last Wednesday of the month we are also open from 18.45-22.00 for *Lates*, our free night for over 18s only.

Conditions of entry

While you are at the Museum please take care of your own health and safety and our collections. In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please do not

- a. touch objects on open display
- b. smoke in the Museum (including electronic cigarettes)
- c. disregard alarms, signs, barriers or directions given by staff
- d. leave personal property unattended
- e. eat and drink other than in designated areas
- f. bring in to the Museum any restricted item (see below)
- g. fundraise, demonstrate or distribute campaigning material, without prior agreement
- h. ride bicycles, scooters or any other wheeled item

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Other age restrictions may apply for particular experiences in the Museum, for example our IMAX cinema.

For Education groups, separate advice and guidance on supervision of children is available on our website.

Photography

Visitors are permitted to use hand-held cameras within the Museum for private and non-commercial purposes, but must not:

- a. Use cameras in any areas where video or photography is restricted (this will always be clearly signed)
- b. Make any recording or take any photograph of any person without the authorisation of that person.

Non-private or commercial use of cameras/recording devices and the use of tripods or lighting, is only allowed by prior arrangement.

We will always let visitors know if filming or photography is taking place in the Museum during their visit.

Personal property

Please look after your personal property while at the Museum. Any property left unattended may be removed from the Museum floor. If you lose any item during your visit, please speak to a member of staff.

Buggy parks are available in a number of locations throughout the Museum. These are not staffed, and are used at the visitor's own risk.

Luggage, coats and buggies can be left in our cloakroom for a small fee.

Restricted items.

Please do not bring the following on to Museum premises:

- a. Alcohol. Alcohol may only be consumed, if purchased on site, in a designated area
- b. Clothing with offensive signage or logos.
- c. Animals, with exception of Assistance Dogs.
- d. Potentially dangerous items such as fireworks or knives. Knives which are carried for religious or cultural observance (such as the Kirpan) are normally exempt from this policy
- e. Any clothing or item worn deliberately to obscure the face, but with the exception of items worn for religious or cultural observance such as a Niqab or Burkha.
- f. Balloons, as these can interfere with our alarm systems if they float away.

Bag Searching

We will sometimes conduct bag searches on arrival at the Science Museum. The searches look for restricted items and any other material that might be considered a risk to our collection, or to the health and safety and enjoyment of our visitors. Any items found will be removed at the bag-searching point will be recorded and returned to the visitor on departure.

If our staff finds anything they consider to be illegal, they will confiscate it and contact the Police.

Breastfeeding

Our visitors are welcome to breastfeed anywhere on site.

Our Staff

All our staff are identifiable from their Science Museum passes. There is a Duty Manager on site whenever we are open to the public, to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable visit.

If our staff think you may be causing unreasonable offence to other visitors, or are endangering yourself, others, our property or our collections, they will ask you to stop. Our staff have the authority to escort you from the Museum premises if necessary.

We will not tolerate abuse or violence towards any visitor, contractor or member of staff.

Closed Circuit Television is in use throughout the Science Museum; images are recorded for the purpose of Public Safety and Crime Prevention, in line with Data Protection legislation.