

The Rourke Art Gallery + Museum encourages visitors to enjoy and utilize its facilities, materials, and services to fulfill their educational, cultural, and recreational needs. To best serve all visitors and staff, certain standards and rules of museum behavior have been established. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with appropriate enjoyment of The Rourke by others or when it could result in a safety hazard, injury, or damage to property. The Rourke is defined as the museum building, sculpture court, grounds, and surrounding parking lot and sidewalks. The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list:

Rules of Conduct

- Any act or conduct in violation of federal, state, or local law ordinance or regulations or museum rules or policies is prohibited at The Rourke.
- Behavior which may disturb others or interfere with their rights to enjoy The Rourke is prohibited, including, but not limited to: sleeping; bringing and consuming food or drinks other than water in the galleries when not specifically provided by The Rourke during a museum event or a facility rental; loud, repetitive, abusive, obscene or threatening language; loud conversations; running, shoving, fighting; physical or verbal harassment of staff or other visitors; or offensive, pervasive odor that interferes with others' enjoyment of The Rourke.
- Visitors will be held financially responsible for any and all damage, destruction, or loss resulting from their actions to artwork, museum property, the building and grounds, or other's property at the museum or on museum grounds.
- Visitors must maintain orderly and safe entry/exit of The Rourke by not loitering in or blocking high traffic areas, doorways, walkways, sidewalks, elevator, portico, and stairways, both interior and exterior.
- Visitors must check all backpacks, briefcases, umbrellas, and other parcels larger than 11" x 14" with the gallery attendant, or place such items in the coatroom.
- Visitors are not allowed to touch artworks in the galleries or on the grounds, unless the artworks are accompanied by signage indicating explicit permission to do so.
- Visitors are not allowed to touch historic or potentially unsafe buildings fixtures, including but not limited to the antique fire hoses, steam radiators and pipes, double hung windows and hardware, and transom window operators, or to enter any space designated as "Staff Only."
- Visitors to The Rourke's permanent collection galleries are welcome to take photographs or video for personal, noncommercial use without the use of flash.

Photography may not be permitted in some special exhibitions and may be restricted for loaned works of art, as indicated by a “No Camera” symbol on the gallery wall. Tripods, monopods, and flash lighting are prohibited at all times. The Rourke reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to withhold and/or withdraw permission to photograph or record on its premises or to reproduce photographs of objects in its collection.

- Large group photography is not permitted at The Rourke.
- Audio/visual equipment, used with headphones, and cell phones may be used at The Rourke provided the equipment's volume or the speaker's voice level does not disturb others.
- Children or minors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. The parent/caregiver should be in the immediate vicinity of and in visual contact with their child or children. The Rourke and its staff cannot assume responsibility for children left unattended. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for the behavior and actions of their minor children at The Rourke, whether they accompany them or not.
- In acknowledgement of the Clean Indoor Air Act (Minnesota Statutes 144.412-147), smoking and tobacco use of any form is forbidden inside museum building, and includes surrounding parking lots, sidewalks and grounds.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages—outside of strictly limited museum events or controlled facility rentals—or displaying any intoxicated behavior at The Rourke is prohibited.
- Proselytizing or solicitation of or by the public or staff is not permitted at The Rourke. This includes, but is not limited to political campaigning, distributing religious pamphlets, soliciting contributions, conducting surveys, gathering signatures, or selling fundraising merchandise that is not related to The Rourke or affiliated art activities.
- Proper attire, including shoes and shirts, is required at all times.
- Use of sporting equipment is not allowed.
- Hazardous, volatile, toxic, or foul-smelling materials, substances, or equipment are not allowed.
- Open flames of any kind are not allowed.

Individuals of all ages are expected to follow these rules. Individuals who violate the Code of Conduct may be suspended or banned from The Rourke and/or prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Staff may tell any patron who has engaged in any inappropriate behavior in violation of this Code of Conduct to immediately leave The Rourke. Any person who has been told to leave The

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Rourke and refuses to leave will be considered to be trespassing, resulting in notification of law enforcement.