



MUSEUM ETIQUETTE

To make the museum experience positive for all visitors, we ask that teachers and chaperones ensure students behave responsibly and sensitively in the museum. We do reserve the right to ask disruptive students or classes to leave.

- School groups must be supervised at all times. **The minimum supervision for school and youth groups, preschool through high school is one adult chaperone for every six students.** Prepare your supervising adults by sharing the goals of your visit, reviewing museum etiquette, and familiarizing them with the roles and responsibilities that you want them to assume during your visit.
- When possible please do not bring bags or backpacks to the Mansfield Area Historical Society & Museum as storage is limited.
- Due to the structure of the buildings, sound is magnified and echoes are often a problem. Quiet movements and voices will not disturb other museum groups and guests; loud voices, shouting, and running are not permitted.
- Please be courteous, walking behind rather than in front of others who are looking at exhibits.
- Museum artifacts suffer considerable damage if handled by many people. Therefore, we ask that visitors refrain from touching objects on exhibit. Any exceptions to this rule will be specifically labeled. Handle gently any objects designated or displayed for hands-on use.
- Please avoid touching and leaning on exhibit cases.
- To protect our collections, food and beverages are not permitted in the Museum or Research Library. There are no eating facilities available at the Mansfield Area Historical Society & Museum. Please dispose of gum before entering the museum.
- In order to protect all historic artifacts, no photography or video recording is allowed. Refrain from using video equipment, radios, and CD players in the Museum. Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.
- For the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and visitors, pets are not permitted inside the MAHSM facility. However, guide dogs assisting disabled patrons are welcome.
- We appreciate our visitors refraining from any behavior that may endanger collections, damage facilities, and disturb or threaten visitors. Please adhere to these guidelines:
 - No running, climbing, chasing, or jumping
 - No throwing objects
 - No loud talking, yelling, offensive language