

# MUSEUM MANNERS

To make the most of your family's visit to the Museum, please review the following:

- ***Please do not touch the artwork.*** Why? The oils on our hands and fingertips leave an impression that lasts forever and may eventually cause damage. Imagine how a painting might look had your grandmother or grandfather touched it when they were children. Help us to preserve these one-of-a-kind treasures for future generations. If you're too tempted to touch, place your hands behind your back, in your pockets, or even on top of your head! (And kids, help the grown-ups remember not to touch, also!)
- ***Food –especially candy and gum– and drink are not permitted in the galleries.*** Why? These items can damage a work of art if they touch it, or worse, they can attract insects that can cause even more damage.
- ***Stand at least an arm's length away from a work of art or observe the three-foot rule.*** Why? This will help to prevent against touching or bumping into a work of art or pedestal. You may need to get close to see the details in a work of art, but you will also want to stand back so you can see the whole thing. If you aren't sure how long three feet is, then take three big steps back from the artwork.
- ***Walk at all times.*** Why? Running or horseplay in the galleries can cause you to bump into a work of art or to miss seeing something really cool. Even worse, you might hurt yourself!
- ***Respect others by using indoor voices in the galleries.*** Why? Loud noises or voices can disturb other visitors. How would you feel if someone were having a conversation on the phone while you were trying to tell your friend something very special about your favorite painting? If you have a question, feel free to ask a Visitor Services Associate.
- ***Please check backpacks and large bags at the front desk.*** Why? Large bags may bump into a work of art or pedestal accidentally.
- ***Use pencils only for sketching or writing activities in the galleries.*** Why? Ink from pens can be damaging to artworks.
- ***Stay together.*** Why? It can be scary to get lost from your parents or friends when the galleries are crowded.
- ***Please observe the Museum's rules about photography in the galleries.*** Why? Over time, the light from flash photography, and even sunlight, can cause damage to some artworks. The Museum is careful to monitor this by asking that you use flash photography in the Chihuly exhibit only. Photography is not permitted in the special exhibition. Be sure to ask at the front desk if you have any questions.