

Safety Guidelines for Television Video Filming | Photography in the Gallery

A Gallery staff member approved by Registration is required to supervise all filming or photography due to copyright restrictions and risk of damage to the artworks.

Professional photographers and film makers must be issued with a Photographer Pass and members of the media with a Media Pass upon entry to the Gallery, which must be worn at all times.

MECHANICAL DAMAGE

Art as displayed in the gallery environment is usually a fragile thing. It is very easy to scratch or puncture a painting or disrupt or damage floor displays, sculpture or cases. Common sense should prevail, as a rule the following guides apply:

- Never walk backwards carrying equipment either during set up or filming. Be aware of the position of the art at all times, if needed use a spotter.
- Stands, booms, umbrellas etc should always be placed so that if they fell in any direction they would not come into contact with an art work.
- At no time, should make-up, aerosols, etc. (for actors, models) be applied in the gallery
- Under no circumstance will food or drink be permitted in the gallery during filming

LIGHT EXPOSURE

Most art works are susceptible to light damage producing colour changes and fading as well as accelerating chemical deterioration.

- Wherever possible, use available light. Any changes to set lighting levels or the introduction of additional light sources in artwork display areas can only occur with prior approval from conservation AND the appropriate curator. Lights should be turned on only when actual filming or photography is taking place and should be turned off at all other times.
- All mains operated electrical equipment must have a current testing tag.

TEMPERATURE

Heat produced by some light sources and other mechanical equipment can also pose a significant risk to artworks.

- Any equipment that emits heat (heaters, task and photography lighting, machinery) requires prior approval from conservation staff before use within any artwork display or storage areas.