

# State Historical Museum of Iowa Visit Expectations

## Welcome to the Museum!

Museums are unique public spaces, like libraries and classrooms, that require ways to behave and interact while in the building. In order to keep your group and our objects safe, please review the following museum visit expectations with your group prior to your visit to the museum.

### For Students

- 1 **Walk.** For your safety, please do not run through the exhibits or jump on the staircase or the elevator.
- 2 **Follow the Dots.** While in the exhibits, follow the dots on the floor to get in and out of the exhibits.
- 3 **Take Your Time.** Try not to rush through the exhibits - your group will have plenty of time to explore.
- 4 **Stay With Your Group.** Students must stay with teachers or chaperones during the entire visit.
- 5 **Hands to Side.** For the safety of historic artifacts, do not touch any objects while in the museum.
- 6 **Inside Voices.** Speak softly, like you are in a library, and respect other students and visitors by providing a quiet space in the exhibits.
- 7 **No Food.** Food, drink and chewing gum is not permitted in the exhibits.
- 8 **No Flash.** Phones must be silenced in the exhibits and not used except when to take an occasional photo.

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### For Teachers and Chaperones

- 1 **In Charge.** Teachers and chaperones are responsible for maintaining discipline and overseeing students while at the museum.
- 2 **Role Model.** Please set a good example for students to model while visiting.
- 3 **Supervise.** Students must remain in chaperoned groups before, during, and after the visit.
- 4 **Connect.** Please encourage students' participation in learning, and help students connect the museum to what they have been studying in the classroom.
- 5 **Safety First.** Please assist with safety by helping students on staircases and in the elevators.
- 6 **Count.** Please count your students when arriving and as you leave the museum to ensure no one is left.