Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Gallery Rules

The Kelsey Museum doesn't have many rules, but those we do have are very important!

Chaperones and teachers play an important part in any visit to the museum.
  • Please help students follow the museum rules on the tour so that a visit to the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology is a positive experience for students, teachers, chaperones, and museum guides.

Please Do Not Touch Artifacts, Cases, or Displays.
  • Why? Oils, salts, soaps, and acids on your hands damage ancient art and artifacts. Cases or pedestals may tip over, or you may bonk your head on the glass. 12 inches is a good distance!

Leave backpacks, large bags, and umbrellas in the coatroom.
  • Why? It is easy to accidentally bump an artifact with a backpack or other large bag. Umbrellas can also bump into things or bring water into the gallery.

Leave food (including gum) and drinks (including water) outside the museum.
  • Why? Crumbs and gum attract bugs and mice that like to eat artifacts. There is a water fountain located near the bathrooms if you get thirsty.

Use a quiet voice while inside the gallery.
  • Why? There are other visitors enjoying the exhibits. Plus, we want to hear your questions!

Use only pencils to take notes in the galleries.
  • Why? Ink from pens and markers damages artifacts forever.

Put away your phone and camera during your tour and activity.
  • Why? Using your phone or camera during your tour is distracting. You are welcome to take photographs at the end of your visit, but please do not use the flash.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the gallery rules, please contact museum staff prior to your visit to the museum.