A Visit to The Museum of Modern Art

An introduction to prepare for your visit

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Introduction

We can read this story as we get ready for our trip to The Museum of Modern Art. In this story we will learn about:

• How to enter the Museum building
• Some of the people who work at the Museum who can help us with our visit
• Some of the things that we can do when we visit
We are going to The Museum of Modern Art. This Museum is also known as MoMA. Inside, we will find many different types of art like paintings and sculptures. There are photographs and videos, too. There are even design objects like a helicopter. Some artworks that we will see were made more than 100 years ago, and others were made by an artist this year! We are going to look at artworks and talk about them together.

In our Sensory Map you can find places to take a break or spaces to move around more freely.

MoMA staff are welcoming and excited for you to visit the Museum.
When we enter the Museum on 53rd Street, the first thing we will do is stop for a security check-in. Security Officers are here to keep everyone safe. Officers may check what is inside our bags, and will ask us to walk through a metal detector.
Ticketing

When we enter the Museum we will be in the Main Lobby. It might be crowded and noisy but other spaces will be quieter. To go to the galleries where we can see more artworks we need to purchase a ticket to the Museum. We might have to wait in line at the Ticket Desk.

We can also buy tickets before our visit at moma.org/tickets. Visitors with disabilities can purchase a discounted ticket online or in person. A care partner of a visitor with a disability can request a complimentary ticket at the Ticket Desk.

If we need a break during any part of our visit, we can take a look at MoMA's Sensory Map at the end of this story to find quiet, low-light, and less crowded spaces where we can take a break.
We can store our coats and bags in the checkroom. We might have to wait in line.
There are people in the Museum who can help. They are friendly and happy to meet us.

When we have questions, we can ask a Guest Assistant or a Security Officer. We can recognize a MoMA staff person because they will be wearing an ID tag. MoMA Security Officers wear navy blue suits. We can ask them our questions about the Museum and they will help us find an answer.

If we cannot find our family or friends, we should look for a Security Officer. They will help us find our family or friends at the Museum if we tell them we need help.
Once we have our Museum tickets, we can go to the galleries using an elevator or an escalator. There are cafés and restrooms throughout the Museum. All of the restrooms in the Museum are wheelchair accessible. We have family restrooms on many floors, which are marked on our Sensory Map.
In the Galleries

When we go into the galleries, we all follow these guidelines to keep visitors and artworks safe:

1. We will stay with our group, family, or friends when visiting the Museum.
2. We will walk slowly. When we walk slowly through the Museum we can look at all of the artworks!
3. We will not touch the artwork.
4. We will speak quietly and use our inside voice.
5. We cannot eat or drink in the galleries.
Interactive Spaces

We can visit the Heyman Family Art Lab in the Education Center to take a break and to create art. We can meet a MoMA staff person at the desk who will show us how to have fun with the different activities in the space.

If this interactive space is crowded or noisy, we can find a place nearby to take a break using MoMA’s Sensory Map.
Leaving the Museum

Some people want to spend the whole day at The Museum of Modern Art. Other people want to stay only a short time. Both are good. The important thing is to enjoy our time at the Museum. We can exit the Museum through the Main Lobby. It might be crowded in the Main Lobby and we may have to wait in line if we need to pick up our coats or bags at the checkroom. When we are ready to leave we can use the exit to 54th Street.
More Information

Everyone is welcome at The Museum of Modern Art. We offer a variety of free programs to make the Museum accessible to you. Visit moma.org/access to learn more about programs for people with disabilities—including Art inSight for people who are blind or partially sighted, Create Ability for children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families, Interpreting MoMA for Deaf adults, and Meet Me at MoMA for people with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia and their family members or care partners—or how to plan an accessible group visit with your school or community organization. Find more resources for your visit at moma.org/access.

See our calendar of programs for visitors with disabilities at moma.org/calendar/groups/39.

MoMA also offers free programs for kids ages four to 14 and their parents or caregivers. Visit moma.org/family to learn more about Family Programs. To receive monthly updates on programs, sign up for the Family Programs newsletter at moma.org/newsletters.