



Below are a few reminders of the rules, etiquette, and behavior that we have in place here at the Washington Theatre to ensure our space is accessible, inclusive, and safe for everyone. We ask that our renters, performers, and guests respect these guidelines while in the theatre so that we may continue to preserve and share this wonderful space with the community.

Please take the time to review the following:

1. No eating or drinking, with the exception of water, is permitted inside of the Washington Theatre auditorium or backstage. Renters using the Greenroom have access to a fridge and sink; please keep all food items and beverages contained within this area. **Please do not bring drinks or food other than water on to the stage.**
2. **Beer and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**
3. In the event that food is being used as a prop on stage, the House and Stage Manager must dispose of or properly store food after each rental time and removed from the building.
4. For safety reasons, **we do not allow children aged 5 and under on the stage.** If you have young children with you, please arrange for them to be off stage during rehearsals and performances.
5. **No roughhousing or running is permitted in the theatre, backstage, or anywhere on the facility property.** We understand that performances are exciting times, but ask that all performers and guests refrain from engaging in this behavior. This is a policy of Patterson Park Community Center and we want to do our best to uphold the rules of our hosting institution.
6. Please enter and exit from the stage in a professional manner. **We do not permit any jumping on or off the stage** for any reasons. If this is part of your choreography, please discuss with a Washington Theatre Performing Arts representative.
7. At the end of your rental or performance time, **you must notify a Performing Arts or Theatre representative that you are leaving the theatre.** It is both respectful of the time of our theatre technicians and also a City safety policy.
8. If you need additional products in the bathroom, please let us know! This building is older, so **please respect our plumbing and only flush toilet paper in the bathrooms.**
9. **Poor language, culturally insensitive comments, and any disparaging or offensive behavior related to, but not limited to, sex, race, religion, national origin, or disability is strictly prohibited from the Washington Theatre.** Anyone reported engaging in any discriminatory behavior will be asked to leave the theatre immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns about our code of conduct, please speak with a Performing Arts representative. We are grateful to have you in our space and thank you in advance for abiding by our policies.

Thank you,

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