

# Hedgehog's Hints

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## For Teachers and Chaperones

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Hedgehog hopes you have a delightful learning experience with your students at Independence National Historical Park. An adequate number of chaperones – we recommend one chaperone for every eight students – is essential. Follow these guidelines and enjoy the experience.

- Focus on safety. Always cross with the light, in the crosswalks on the corners. Watch for uneven walking surfaces. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Tell your students to seal up any open food or drink before entering a building.
- Insist that your students have no chewing gum.
- Always ask if photography is permitted before allowing your students to take photos.
- Silence your cell phone, and make sure the children silence their phones and other electronic devices, such as MP3 players and iPods.
- Shhh! Always quiet the group down before you enter the building.
- Quiet down the students if they are talking during the tour.
- Know where your students are at all times.
- Do not allow your students to run ahead of you. A teacher or chaperone should always lead the way.
- Remind your students to respect the historic places and objects.
- Remind your students to respect the park rangers and volunteers who care for these places.
- **Set the example for your students.** Chaperones and teachers must enter the buildings quietly, remain quiet, keep food and drink sealed up and silence cell phones. Please respect the historic buildings and demand that same respect from your students.

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## On Museum Etiquette

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Hedgehog knows that you love to learn new words, students! Etiquette means the rules of behavior. Museum rules are just like library rules. Follow these rules and have fun on your visit to Independence National Historical Park.

- Seal up any open food or drink before entering a building.
- Do not chew gum. Do not try to hide that you are chewing gum. Do not bring any gum.
- Always ask if photography is permitted before taking photos.
- Silence your cell phone.
- Turn off your MP3 players, iPod nanos, shuffles and other music players. Take off your headphones. It is the polite thing to do.
- Shhh! Enter every building quietly. You should be silent!
- You should remain silent when the park ranger is talking.
- Know where your teacher and chaperones are at all times.
- Do not run ahead of your teacher or chaperone. A teacher or chaperone should always lead the way.
- Respect the historic places and objects.
- Respect the park rangers and volunteers who care for these places.
- Remember these rules. There may be a quiz.

Hedgehog Rules!

