



## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

### Personal Use Photography in Galleries and Public Spaces

Still photography for personal, non-commercial use is permitted in the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) galleries and public spaces like Commonwealth Hall and the Brown Forman Room. Restrictions may apply to specific pieces or exhibitions. If you are uncertain if photography is permitted, please ask a visitor services associate or curatorial staff before taking any photos. Please observe the following rules:

- Flash photography is prohibited in all galleries.
- Stabilization devices such as tripods and monopods are prohibited.
- Auxiliary lighting is prohibited.
- Video recording with small, non-intrusive hand-held devices is permitted in most exhibit galleries for personal use only unless otherwise noted. Commercial photography and videography are prohibited without prior explicit and written approval. Fees may apply (see Commercial Filming/Videography Policy).
- Photography must not be disruptive to other visitors or block walkways.
- All photography must take place during KHS's normal business hours. KHS reserves the right to restrict photography at any time.

### Professional Photographers and Amateur Photography Shoots

Formal portraits and commissioned photography require a photography permit from KHS. Please observe the following rules:

- \$50 Photography Permit Fee.
- Permits are good for one hour and are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.
- No advanced reservations.
- Photography permits for the Kentucky History Center, the Old State Capitol, or the Kentucky Military History Museum can be purchased at the admissions desk in the Kentucky History Center.
- Permits are limited to regular business hours.
- Only two photography permits will be issued at a time.
- Permits allow for the limited use of public spaces only.
- Stabilization devices, lighting equipment, wardrobe changes, props, and make-up stations are prohibited.
- Photography must not be disruptive to other visitors or block walkways.
- Groups may include up to 5 people. Pets are prohibited inside any KHS buildings.

Groups larger than five people must request permission through the KHS Rental Department one month in advance. Additional fees may apply. Please contact [khsrentals@ky.gov](mailto:khsrentals@ky.gov) or (502)782-3912

for more information. KHS reserves the right to prohibit photography in any area at any time. Failure to adhere to guidelines or staff direction may result in being asked to cease activities and leave the premises.