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Social Misfits (Updated June 2025)

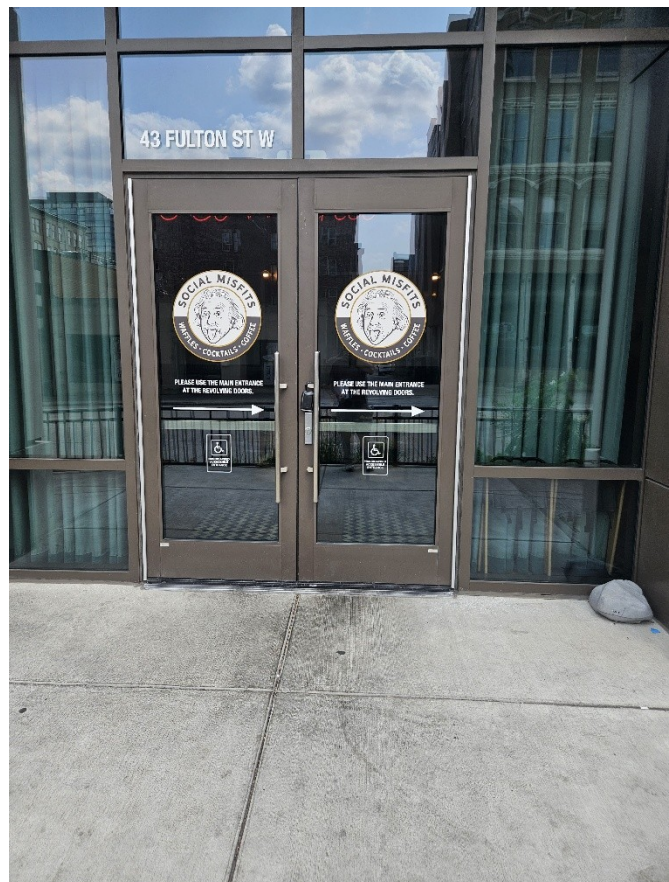
43 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Parking & Transit.

Social Misfits does not offer onsite parking or validation. Guests must rely on metered on-street parking along Fulton Street and surrounding downtown blocks. Two nearby pay-to-park garages are located just one to two blocks away the Monroe Center Parking Garage at Ionia Ave & Louis St, and the Fulton & Ottawa Parking Garage at Ottawa Ave & Fulton St. While curb cuts are available in the area, there are no accessible spaces directly adjacent to the venue.

Entrance.

The main public entrance is located at the corner of Fulton Street and Louis Street, at the base of the Residence Inn building. The accessible entrance is through a pair of glass double doors that are flush with the sidewalk and clearly labeled. These doors open directly into a small lounge reception area and are wide enough to accommodate



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mobility devices. There are no automatic openers, but the level entry makes access relatively smooth.

Alternatively, guests may also use the nearby revolving door entrance located under the prominent Social Misfits neon sign. However, this entrance is not accessible due to the revolving mechanism. Visitors using mobility devices or requiring step-free access should use the glass double door entrance.



Interior Layout & Navigation.

Once inside, visitors enter a narrow lounge space that quickly opens into a larger dining area with varied seating options. The interior atmosphere is stylish and speakeasy-like, featuring tufted leather banquettes, hardwood floors, dark wood accents, modern wallpaper, brass details, and moody lighting. Seating includes cozy booths, round tables for two (often combined for larger parties), and bar seating near

the coffee/cocktail bar and TVs. Walkways vary in width ranging from narrow between closely placed tables to comfortably wide in main



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thoroughfares making navigation manageable but occasionally tight during peak times.

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Lighting & Sensory Environment.

The venue is characterized by moody, low lighting that contributes to its intimate lounge feel, with accent neon signs and spot fixtures.

Natural light is minimal after dark but greets the space through windows and the entrance during the daytime. Ambient noise is generally moderate, with conversation and soft background music; however, volume can rise significantly during weekend evenings or when events are

in full swing.

Restrooms.

There is one gender-neutral single-user restroom located within the venue in the back hall. It is accessed via a manual door marked "Toilet". The door is painted blue and leads into an interior with bold red walls, which may present visual contrast issues for some visitors with low vision or sensory sensitivities. Inside, the restroom includes a manual sink with knee clearance, grab bars for support, and enough turning space for mobility devices.