



## Children's Policy

The Saratoga Historical and Cultural Association, also known as the Saratoga Museum, encourages our young patrons to learn and enjoy the museum environment and strives to offer safe and enjoyable experiences to all visitors. To ensure such experiences, the Saratoga Historical and Cultural Association has established the following policy to provide a safe environment for museum patrons, children, staff and to prevent activities that could endanger the museum, its collections, and equipment.

The policy includes, but is not limited to ...

- Children under eight (8) years of age must be accompanied and monitored by a parent or caregiver at all times within the museum. A caregiver may be a responsible young adult of at least 13 years of age and up to discretion of the staff.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for children's behavior and adherence to Saratoga Museum rules.
- Staff may choose to require a parent or caregiver to accompany certain children at all times, regardless of age.
- Staff's discretion will be used regarding the length of time unaccompanied children may remain in the museum.
- Staff's discretion will be used in asking children to leave the museum for behaving inappropriately. Inappropriate behavior is defined as any behavior that is disrespectful or disruptive to patrons and staff and/or is potentially damaging to museum property.
- Engaging in any of the following forms of misbehavior could lead to permanent suspension of museum privileges:
  - Any form of verbal and/or physical aggression toward patrons or staff,
  - Stealing or willful destruction of museum property, and
  - Any form of serious misconduct that is disruptive to patrons and/or staff.
- Museum staff will use its discretion in asking children who display obvious signs of illness to leave the museum if the child is unaccompanied by a caregiver.

Saratoga Museum staff is:

- Not responsible for the whereabouts, welfare, or property of unaccompanied children visiting the museum.
- Authorized to advise the caregiver who is in the building to resume control of the child.
- Authorized to contact the police in the event that a caregiver cannot be located to remove a misbehaving child.
- Not authorized to take a child from the building, including transporting the child to another location.

\*When minors age 8 to 17 are asked to leave the building for dangerous or disruptive behavior, the parent/guardian will be notified in writing of the action if that parent/guardian's identity is known.