



Security Guidelines and Procedures

Effective date: July 1, 2019

Subject: Visitor Code of Conduct

At Birch Aquarium we require staff and guests to adhere to our Code of Conduct to ensure the safety, well-being, and a family-friendly environment for all persons.

Safety and Security

To ensure the safety of our guests and the security of our location, all guests **MUST** enter from our designated entrance adjacent to our Ticket Booth Kiosks unless otherwise directed by management. Children under the age of 16 are required to tour with the designated adult and/or guardian they arrived with at all times.

Guests of Birch Aquarium agree to submit to security checks if requested upon entrance. Guests also voluntarily assume all risks incidental to attending the aquarium. Guests and ticket holders and program participants voluntarily agree that the management, facility, officers, directors, volunteers, and employees of Birch Aquarium are expressly released by the holder from any claims that arise from their visit. Please take note of posted Safety Guidelines throughout our location.

Birch Aquarium is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

Personal Safety and Security

When visiting, the following general activities will not be accepted:

- Smoking or vaping
- Violations of the law
- Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form
- Any activity that threatens the safety of our guests or employees. Any abuse, including physical or non-verbal abuse, of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, staff member, service provider, or any other guest
- Disruption of presentations at sessions, in the exhibit hall, or at any events on the property
- Any activity that threatens the well-being of the property, including animals, or that would disrupt the legitimate business or learning environment of the property
- Any activity inconsistent with the general mission of UC San Diego Principles of Community

Examples of specific activities that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:



- Disruptive profanity, vulgar, or threatening language
- Inappropriate or offensive clothing, such as profane language, images or symbols
- Unnecessarily blocking walkways, roadways, or buildings
- Excessive loitering without official business or permission from the management
- Operating unauthorized vehicles and/or transportation devices on the property
- Possession of any of the following items: aerosol cans, outside alcoholic beverages, balloons, bird seed, electronic or vapor cigarettes, controlled or illegal substances, fireworks, or weapons

Violations of the Code of Conduct, based on the severity, can result in a range of consequences, from being asked to leave, to citations/arrest through UCSD police, and being excluded from future visits.
