Museum Security Rules and Routines

Every museum has rules and routines. Many people visit a museum. It’s important to keep everyone safe. Museum rules and routines help people

1. know what to expect, and
2. what to do.

The Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History has more than one front door. Having extra doors helps many people enter a museum easily.

If there are many people, a line forms. This is okay. Each person will have a turn to go into the museum.
There is a security officer at each door. This is to keep people safe.

Security officers check all bags, handbags, and backpacks. They are looking for items that could be a problem in a museum.

The museum has a security routine. Visitors:

1. Open their bags.
2. Give them to the security officer.
3. Walk through the scanner.
4. Wait patiently to get their bags back.

The security officer lets each person know when it is ok to enter the museum.
When I go to the museum there will be a security officer at the door. If I have a backpack or a bag, it is important that I:

1. Open my bag or backpack.
2. Give it to the security officer.
3. Walk through the scanner.
4. Wait to get it back.

Then, the security officer will tell me when my adult and I may go into the museum.

Getting into the museum is a very important routine. There may be a line of people. A security officer will check each bag. Knowing what to expect helps me know what to do.