

ARTSQUEST VIOLENCE-FREE PROPERTIES POLICY

ArtsQuest is committed to providing safe and secure properties for its employees, volunteers, patrons, guests, sponsors, vendors, exhibitors, contractors, suppliers and all other business partners (“Partners”).

ArtsQuest Owned, Leased and Permitted Properties: The Banana Factory Arts Center, including the parking lot and the lands landscaped terraces adjacent to the building, the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks®, including the portion of the Air Products Town Square in front of the ArtsQuest Center and PNC Plaza, are private properties that are owned by ArtsQuest, and SteelStacks Plaza, the Bethlehem Visitors Center and the Levitt Pavilion at SteelStacks are properties which are leased by ArtsQuest. During Musikfest, and certain other ArtsQuest events, ArtsQuest is granted use permits for certain parks and streets by the City of Bethlehem. Collectively, for purposes of this policy, these properties will be referred to as the “AQ Properties”

Prohibited Behaviors on the AQ Properties. Examples of “prohibited behaviors” under this policy include, but are not limited to, threats of violence, acts of violence, aggressive behavior, intimidating behavior, unwanted physical contact, assault, fighting, cursing, spitting, or other actions that threaten, intimidate, bully, or inappropriately invade another person’s personal space.

Prohibition Against Firearms & Dangerous Weapons on AQ Properties. Subject to any state or local laws to the contrary, Partners and other persons are not allowed to have firearms, or any other dangerous weapons (concealed or otherwise), in their possession while on AQ Properties. This includes, but is not limited to, having a firearm or other dangerous weapons in a locker, purse, bag, computer bag, backpack, briefcase, tool bag, or anywhere on their body on ArtsQuest properties. “Dangerous weapons” include firearms, explosives, and other weapons that might be considered dangerous or that could cause harm. This policy covers persons who may have licenses or permits to carry firearms; a license or permit to carry a firearm **on public property** does not supersede this policy.

This prohibition does not apply to weapons permitted to be kept locked in vehicles, if same is done in accordance with applicable state or local laws or ordinances. ArtsQuest will comply with all federal, state, or local laws that may conflict with the above policy on firearms.

Local authorities may recommend that individuals carry defensive devices. Examples of defensive devices may include, but are not limited to, items such as pepper spray and mace, but do not include firearms or dangerous weapons. ArtsQuest reserves the right to determine whether a potentially dangerous device is, in fact, a defensive device permitted to be carried on AQ Properties.

Report Incidents and Concerns. Any person can and should report to ArtsQuest Staff any incidents of prohibited behaviors or other suspicious activities or violations of this policy that the person may notice on AQ Properties. ArtsQuest needs the help of all persons to maintain properties free of violent and/or threatening behaviors.

Violations of this Policy. Any person found by ArtsQuest to be in violation of this policy may be subject to immediate expulsion from AQ Properties, and, potentially, the lodging of a report with local police authorities.

