



Schools Programs

Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

General

The Museum of Australian Democracy environment

The Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) at Old Parliament House presents an exciting new cultural attraction in an authentic heritage building, located in the centre of the nation's capital. It will captivate and challenge visitors with the stories and events that have shaped our distinctive democracy.

While the museum showcases the history of Australian democracy, it also continues to pay respect to the heritage values of this former home of Federal Parliament. Once the busy nucleus of parliamentary business, the building remains a treasure-trove where visitors can wander the corridors of power, or take a tour with an experienced guide.

The history of Australia's democracy encompasses our laws and institutions, as well as the way we live as a society. The Museum of Australian Democracy acknowledges that democracy has been experienced by different groups in different ways, and this is reflected in the balanced range of narratives and experiences presented. The new museum aims to become a space where groups can share ideas and experiences in a heritage building that was once the hub of Australian democracy.

MoAD comprises two levels of publicly accessible spaces and a café. The building maintains a temperature and humidity controlled environment and clear signage throughout. MoAD is open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm every day except Christmas Day.

Special clothing or equipment

No special clothing is required. However, non-slip, sensible shoes are encouraged to both lessen the risk of injury and avoid damage to the heritage carpets and floor.

Access to MoAD

MoAD has access facilities and wheelchairs available for visitors with special needs.



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Risk assessment rating

Taking into account the current controls that are in place, a visit to MoAD indicates a low to medium risk for a school group, with the occurrence of injuries assessed as being unlikely to highly unlikely. MoAD has qualified first aid officers and a first aid room to attend to an injured or ill person and utilises the ACT emergency services and/or ambulance service. The Canberra Hospital in Garran is a ten minute drive from MoAD. MoAD also carries comprehensive public liability insurance cover.

Existing risk management procedures

MoAD has acted responsibly to minimise all risks associated with visiting its premises. All security staff are trained first aid officers and many of MoAD's staff are also qualified. Fire/emergency evacuation procedures are managed by trained staff and tested regularly.

In the event of an emergency, a siren will be activated. Students, teachers and carers will be required to follow instructions from clearly identifiable fire safety wardens located throughout the building and evacuate as directed.

Security

All staff and volunteers working with children undergo a police security check.

Before your visit

The level of risk to which students are exposed to during their visit to MoAD depends to a large extent on their behaviour. Prior to the visit, teachers/carers should brief students about appropriate behaviour such as listening to instructions from MoAD staff, no running in the building and taking care in the car park. A list outlining potential hazards, level of risk and recommended action is attached.

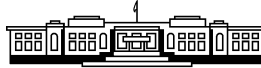
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Risk Assessment:
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Sequence of Steps	Potential Hazards	Risk	Recommended Action or Procedure
Alight bus on arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trip, fall in car park • hit by vehicle 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses are parked in designated bus bays • Students, teachers and carers need to be mindful of other vehicles in the MoAD car park and when crossing roads.
Entry to MoAD via stairs or ramp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slip on surface, especially in wet weather 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-slip external surfaces clear of debris, no pooling of water. • Teachers/carers to ensure no running or jostling on stairs or ramp. • Take caution during wet weather; ensure shoes are non-slip.
Entrance via front wooden doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crush in door, fingers jammed 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff stationed at the entry way. • Teachers/carers to ensure care taken when entering the building.
Stairs to main foyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bumping and crushing • danger to self and others • bulky bags 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large school groups broken into smaller, manageable groups. • MoAD protocol explained by teacher/carer prior to visit and reinforced by educator. • Protocol includes; being respectful of other visitors in the building, all bags to be either left on the bus or checked at the cloakroom, no food or drinks permitted in the building.
During program within MoAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual becomes disoriented • individual injures self (slips or falls) • individual becomes ill 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear signage, especially exit signs and maps of MoAD available. • Group and teachers/carers stays together. • Public address system can be used to page missing or required persons. • If student needs to use bathrooms, teacher/carer accompanies them. • Students requested to walk quietly in the building • Barriers and signage clearly indicate inaccessible areas • Security officers stationed throughout the building and all trained in First Aid • Verbal alert given by Security officers or staff if students are in danger.
End program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bumping and crushing 	Low	Students return in an orderly fashion; group stays together.
Return to bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trip, fall in car park • hit by vehicle 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses are parked in designated bus bays • Students, teachers and carers need to be mindful of other vehicles in the MoAD car park and when crossing roads.