

Minneapolis Institute of Art

Social Narrative

Independent visit for teens and adults
who are neurodiverse



I am going to the Minneapolis Institute of Art.
Inside the museum is art from all over the world. Some of the art is
over 20,000 years old, while some was made just last year.



The museum is a very large building!

When I arrive, I will see tall glass doors with a sign that says Minneapolis Institute of Art above them. This is the Third Avenue Entrance.



I will go through more glass doors
to my right.



In the middle of the room, I will see Mia's Visitor Services desk. "Mia" is a nickname for the Minneapolis Institute of Art.



If I have belongings to store, I will go to the Coat Check to my right. Backpacks and umbrellas are not allowed in the museum for safety reasons, but small bags and coats are.



If I use the Coat Check, the staff there will give me a plastic tag with a number on it. I will keep this safe. I will return the tag when I pick up my coat and/or backpack.



The people at the big white desk are there to help me if I have questions or need a museum map. There may be a line, so I might need to wait a few minutes.



I will pass a friendly security guard, sitting to the right.
Security guards are stationed throughout the museum.
They are here to help people and keep the art safe.



To get to the upper lobby,
I will either take the stairs in front of me
or the ramp to my left.



In the upper lobby, I will see:



- A café: To protect the art, food and drinks need to stay in the lobby. Before I leave this area, I will finish or throw away any food or drinks.
- The Store at Mia
- A gallery
- The Information Bar, where I can ask questions.

When I want to see the art, I can take any staircase from the lobby to the second floor.



If I don't want to climb the stairs,
I can use an elevator.



While I look at the art, I should keep my hands at my sides.
Then the art will be safe.



Sometimes the museum can be crowded and loud.



Sometimes the museum can be quiet and not so crowded.
If I want a quiet space, I can ask a security guard where to go.



When I am ready to leave, I can go back to Mia's Third Avenue Entrance. I can pick up my belongings at the Coat Check by giving the staff the plastic tag.



I hope I can visit Mia again soon and see more art!