University *of*
Mary Washington
Theatre and Dance

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are a distraction to the focus required of our work in the theatre and represent, in many instances, a serious challenge to safety.

During Class
Cell phones may not be used during class.

During Work Calls
Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during work calls in Klein Theatre, Studio 115 or the theatres' ancillary spaces.

During Rehearsal & Performance
Actors and technicians may use their cell phones during extended periods between cues while offstage. Actors and technicians may not use their cell phones while in standby for a cue or entrance.

Stage managers may use their cell phones for official production business only.

Faculty may ask crew members to use their phone to communicate during technical rehearsals.

At no time is an actor permitted to carry a personal cell phone on stage during a performance or rehearsal.

Photography
Students may not take photographs of a rehearsal, performance, or work call unless they have been asked to do so by the department and they have received permission from the director and stage manager in advance.

Box Office, Management Office, Front-of-House
Students working in the box office or management office may be permitted to use their cell phones depending on the volume of business and at the discretion of the faculty and staff supervising that area. Front-of-house staff may never use their cell phones in the presence of patrons.

Consequences
Violations of this policy may result in your suspension from the production or being asked to leave the facility.

Exceptions
If you are experiencing a family emergency that requires immediate access to you via cell phone, please see your faculty or staff supervisor who will make an exception to this policy.

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