

Rules of Use for the Deutsches Technikmuseum (German Museum of Technology)

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Preamble

Welcome to the Deutsches Technikmuseum!

We appreciate your interest and your visit. At the same time, we would like to state the following:

We want to live in a society where all people are accepted and respected in their diversity. Discrimination, racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, hatred, and exclusion have no place here.

§ 1 Legal Status and Purpose

- (1) The Deutsches Technikmuseum is a foundation under public law of the State of Berlin.
- (2) It serves to fulfill the public mandate for culture and education.
- (3) Use of the museum is governed by a public-law user agreement.

§ 2 Scope of Application

These Terms of Use apply to all publicly accessible areas of the museum, including special exhibitions, events, and educational programs, as well as to all persons present within the museum's physical or organizational jurisdiction.

§ 3 Purpose and Scope of Use

- (1) The museum is open for use in accordance with its designated purpose for cultural, scientific, and educational purposes.
- (2) The right to use the museum exists exclusively within the scope of its designated purpose, available capacity, and these Rules of Use.
- (3) Special uses require prior approval.

§ 4 Hours of Operation and Admission Policy

- (1) Current opening hours are as follows:

Day Opening Hours

Tuesday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Monday Closed

Note: Different opening hours may apply on holidays or during special events. For the latest information, please visit technikmuseum.berlin.

- (2) Opening hours will be announced via a public notice on our website.
- (3) Admission may be restricted or denied for reasons of safety, to protect the exhibits, or to ensure proper operation.
- (4) There is no right of admission once capacity limits have been reached or due to operational necessities.

§ 5 Admission Fees and Free Admission

- (1) An admission fee is charged for use of the museum.
- (2) Please refer to the appendix for information on admission fees, applicable discounts, or exemptions for certain groups of people. You can also find our fee schedule on our website.
- (3) Payment of an admission fee does not constitute a contractual relationship under private law.

§ 6 General Rules of Conduct

- (1) Visitors must conduct themselves in such a way that
 - museum operations are not disrupted,
 - other visitors are not unreasonably inconvenienced,
 - exhibits, buildings, and facilities are protected.
- (2) Visitors must follow the instructions of museum staff.
- (3) Parents, legal guardians, or supervisors are responsible for the children and adolescents in their care.
- (4) Touching exhibits is prohibited unless we expressly permit it and indicate so accordingly.
- (5) Conduct in the exhibition halls and the museum park:
 - Eating and drinking are permitted only in designated picnic areas.
 - Stairs, passageways, and emergency exits must be kept clear.
 - Do not enter roped-off areas or railroad tracks in the outdoor grounds.
 - In the outdoor grounds, you may only use the designated paths.
 - Smoking and e-cigarettes are prohibited inside buildings; in the outdoor grounds, they are permitted only in designated areas.
 - Open fires are prohibited throughout the entire museum grounds.

5) Coat Check, Personal Belongings, and Animals:

- Please store backpacks, large umbrellas, and large bags in lockers (school groups: please check in backpacks and umbrellas).
- To protect the exhibits and visitors, restrictions on carrying items may be imposed.
- At the Science Center Spectrum, you must check in all backpacks and large bags.
- A fee of €20 will be charged for lost keys.
- Sports equipment, bulky items, and luggage are not permitted in the exhibition halls.
- Animals are not allowed (exception: service dogs for people with disabilities).

6) Propaganda materials of unconstitutional parties:

Visitors who carry, use, or display in the museum propaganda materials of unconstitutional parties, associations, or other organizations as defined in Section 86 of the Criminal Code will be barred from visiting the museum. A ban from the premises may also be imposed. Propaganda materials, as defined in Section 86 of the Criminal Code, are those directed against the free democratic basic order or the ideal of international understanding, and those directed against the existence or security of a state or an international organization, or against the constitutional principles of the Federal Republic of Germany.

§ 7 Photography and Filming

- (1) Personal photography (without a tripod or flash) is permitted.
- (2) To document and convey historical contexts, we also display objects bearing unconstitutional symbols in our exhibitions. Visitors are prohibited from taking photographs or filming with a clear focus on these symbols and/or posing in front of them.
- (3) Commercial photography requires prior authorization.

§ 8 Freedom of Expression and Political Activity

- (1) We respect the free and democratic basic order and fundamental rights. However, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly are subject to certain restrictions. The fundamental rights to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly may be restricted if other legal interests must be given priority. To protect cultural assets and ensure the safe operation of the museum, these rights may therefore be restricted or subject to certain conditions.
- (2) Assemblies or rallies are therefore not permitted on museum grounds.

§ 9 Special Use

Special use of the museum's grounds and rooms for private purposes requires written permission.

§ 10 House Rules and Exclusion from Use

- (1) The museum exercises its right to enforce house rules.
- (2) In the event of violations, visitors may be warned, removed from the premises, or temporarily or permanently barred from using the museum in accordance with the museum's right to enforce its house rules.
- (3) This also applies to event participants and customers.

§ 11 Liability

- (1) The museum's liability is governed by statutory provisions.
- (2) Visitors are liable for any damage they cause; parents are liable for their children.

§ 12 Duty of Supervision

- (1) Parents/legal guardians and supervisors are responsible for supervising children and adolescents.
- (2) Children up to the age of 10 may visit the museum only when accompanied by an adult.

§ 13 Data Protection

The processing of personal data is carried out in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

§ 14 Effective Date

These Terms of Use take effect on May 20, 2026.