

**South Orange Performing Arts Center
Audience Services Department**

**SOPAC Security Policies
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To ensure the safety of SOPAC patrons, artists, staff and volunteers, the following policies are in effect.

Search/Inspection

All bags are subject to search upon entry and re-admittance to the theatre.

SOPAC employees and security personnel may search patrons' personal belongings such as handbags, briefcases, handbags, backpacks or other packages.

Any patron who refuses to permit a search will be denied entrance to the performance and will receive a refund for the ticket price.

Any personal item or bag larger than 12" x 12" x 8" that will not safely stow under seats are strictly prohibited in the theatre.

Unattended items are subject to search.

SOPAC is not responsible for any property that is lost, stolen or damaged.

Hand held metal detector screening or security wandling may be instituted if a guest speaker or artist requires this as a precondition to performing at SOPAC. In such cases, SOPAC will make every effort to provide attending patrons with reasonable advance notice via website, email and on-site signage.

SOPAC employees and security personnel will not conduct any pat down searches or require patrons to empty their pockets. They do reserve the right to deny entrance to any patron who is believed to be a danger to themselves or others or is otherwise in possession of any item that violates a SOPAC policy.

Prohibited Items

Patrons will be refused entry to SOPAC if in possession of any prohibited item.

Illegal and prohibited items will be confiscated and turned over to local law enforcement.

The following are prohibited:

Weapons including but not limited to firearms, knives and chemical defense weapons such as pepper spray or mace.

Fireworks, explosives, illegal drugs or any other dangerous, hazardous or suspicious devices or weapons.