

Etiquette Rules for Working with the Life Model

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*Remember models are not wearing clothing and are often in a vulnerable position when they pose. It's very important to follow these rules to make them comfortable and respected during the session.

1. Artists are expected to be respectful of the model, and there should not be any talking while the model is posing. If artists are in an extended conversation and the pose starts, it should be taken outside of the studio.
2. Do not play audible music during the pose. The monitor will select music for the room.
3. Do not take out your cell phone at all. Turn the ringers off, on silent or vibrate during the session.
4. Allow the model their personal space during breaks as they rest.
5. Do not talk with the model during the pose, or to make comments on the pose.
6. Do not talk to the model on breaks unless they start a conversation with you.
7. Never make comments about the model's body or appearance
8. Only working artists are allowed in the room while the model is working.
9. In most cases, you should only leave the room on a break - if you open the door while the model is posing this puts them in a vulnerable position.
10. It is expected that while the model is undraped, everyone is either actively drawing or teaching.
11. No photographs or video recording of the model or room at any time!!!
12. Please direct any comments, suggestions or ideas regarding the model pose, room or other artists quietly to the instructor during breaks.
13. Do not move easels, chairs, tables or horses during the pose, other than slight adjustments. Move only during model breaks. This can distract their pose and "throw them off"