



Studio Facility Usage Rules

- 1.) The Studio rules are to be followed and respected at all times. Any breach of these rules may result in the offending person or persons removal from the facilities and possibly the termination of the session or entire project without refund.
- 2.) The studio is located in a residential area and noise outside the studio must be kept to a minimum. Conversation anywhere outdoors after 9:00 p.m. should always be avoided. Loud vehicles and car alarms should also be avoided at all times – even if just for the sake of any recording going on - not to mention out of courtesy to our neighbours. Please make quiet transportation choices whenever possible.
- 3.) There is usually plenty of parking available in our driveway and across the street. However, if parking in the driveway, please ask a Studio staff member for the best place to park in order not to restrict the exit of other vehicles that may need to leave prior to the end of the session.
- 4.) Smoking is allowed in one designated area only behind the studio. Anywhere else, whether inside or outside, is strictly prohibited. Please use the provided ash tray and trash can. Cigarette butts or packaging material discarded on the ground will not be tolerated. If it is possible, the Studio would much prefer and be very appreciative if smoking were to be avoided entirely.
- 5.) No alcohol is to be allowed on premises at any time and all persons found under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave. No exceptions!
- 6.) Marijuana, whether legal or not, whether “medical” or not”, is not allowed on premises at any time and all persons found under the influence for *any reason* will be asked to leave. No exceptions!
- 7.) All other drugs, whether legal or not, are prohibited from the premises unless a specific prescription requires the taking of prescribed drugs sometime during the session. If not, please leave them at home! No exceptions!
- 8.) Food is generally discouraged *in the studio* and in most cases will not be allowed. If you would like to bring food into the recording areas, please ask for permission from the engineer first. Food is allowed in the loading bay, the back patio and in the lounge. Any and all spills must be cleaned up immediately and any damage requiring special cleaning, repair or replacement will become the financial responsibility of the Artist.
- 9.) There is a microwave in the lounge available for your convenience. Please keep food covered while in use as to minimize making a mess inside. The sink is also available for rinsing food containers. Please discard any food bits that do not go easily down the drain in the trash can provided in the lounge area.
- 10.) Beverages are allowed and even encouraged in the studio. However, we are very strict about the containers. **All** drink containers allowed in the studio must have closable lids that cannot and will not spill or leak if they were to be dropped or knocked over. **If your beverage container does not meet this standard, please leave it outside the studio.** When taking a drink from these approved container’s please be sure you have stepped away from all equipment and be sure to replace the cap or lid before moving anywhere near any equipment. All spills must be cleaned up immediately and any special cleaning, repair or replacement of anything resulting from a spill will become the financial responsibility of the Artist.
- 11.) There is a small refrigerator available for Artist’s use in the loading bay. If your food or beverages need to be kept cold, please feel free to use it, but if there are more than a few items, a self-supplied cooler may be needed to keep additional items cold. Unless a successive session has been booked for the following day, all food kept in the refrigerator needs to be removed at the end of the current session. All items remaining after a session has ended will be discarded.
- 12.) WE RECYCLE! Please place all plastic bottles and other recyclable materials in the designated recycling bin found in the loading bay. Please keep all studio grounds clean by properly disposing of all other trash in the provided trash cans found throughout.
- 13.) Foul language, sexually suggestive talk, ill humour or slander of any kind is not allowed anywhere at any time and anyone heard speaking in such a manner will be given one warning after which a second offense will result in that person or persons being asked to leave and possibly facing the termination of the session or entire project.

14.) No one who is not directly involved with the current session should be in the studio and ideally not on the premises at all. Our studio is very small and although our lounge is usually available for our artists to use during break times, *it is not intended as a place for uninvolved guests to hang-out* as we have other residents in the house not associated with the studio that make frequent use of the lounge as well. Exceptions to this rule, such as parents/guardians of minor artists, photographers, videographers, and medical attendants are certainly considered, but notice and discussion concerning their presence should be made before the session starts. **Please don't surprise us with unexpected guests!**

15.) In most cases, the Studio Engineer will be presiding over the session and should always have the respect and attention of all Artists present. Please be sure all musicians carefully follow his/her instructions as this is *crucial* to having a productive session and best ensuring the proper care of all Studio equipment.

16.) Unless you have hired a producer to represent you, please appoint **one** person, ideally the song writer, to be your spokesperson who will be the primary individual to communicate with the engineer. Please have this matter firmly decided before the session begins!

17.) Never leave or enter the studio while the Red "Recording" light is illuminated without the engineer's knowledge and permission. If any door is closed and you wish to enter, please DO NOT KNOCK, but instead listen for music playing, and if none is heard, quietly enter. The engineer should be expecting you. If you must leave for any reason, please let the engineer know so he/she can monitor the time and duration of your departure to have an idea when to expect your return.

18.) We have cats, (two), and a dog. While it's rare that any of our pets are in the studio, they all hang-out quite frequently in the lounge and near the restroom areas. If you have allergies to cats and/or dogs, please let us know before your arrival so we can take all possible precautions to mitigate the effects. And of course, we expect you to treat them nicely!

19.) While it may not seem like it when you're in the studio, please always be mindful that *you are in a house* and that *there are residents* trying to carry on with their lives completely independent of the activities going on where you are. While great care and expense went into the design and construction of the studio, there is no area that is completely "sound proof" and the degree of isolation between the studio and resident living areas vary depending on where you are. So, except in designated areas where loud music and noise is obviously allowed, please try to remain as quiet as possible!

20.) Out of respect for the residents living in the house, please **never** go upstairs, never enter any area marked "private" or "employees only" and please never enter or exit through the front door of the house. Please always use the loading bay door to exit out the front or the back door to exit to the back patio rest/smoking area.

21.) Most of the amenities in the lounge are available for your use during break times, but not exclusively. Please do not rearrange furniture, make adjustments to any of the audio-video equipment settings, open or close windows or otherwise change the environment from the condition you first find it in. Please ask a Studio staff member for anything you need or wish to use unless it is obvious no permission or instruction is required.

22.) Please respect the Studio's instruments and other equipment and do not use anything without express permission from the engineer. Please give the same respect to any instruments belonging to session musicians or otherwise *anything not belonging to you*. Please inform the engineer before you turn on or off any equipment or plug or unplug anything that might be connected to our system in any way. Please plug-in your electrical equipment only in outlets provided at or near ground level as we have a separate circuit purposed exclusively for equipment which is apart from the circuit purposed for everything else.

23.) Please **do not** touch the studio glass, (that is the windows of the control room, vocal isolation booths, the drum room and the two mirrors found in the main isolation room and door to the drum room). The windows are actually made of plexi-glass and require a special method of cleaning different from that used for regular glass. As the plexi-glass material is also "softer", it is more susceptible to scratches and smudges than regular glass. There is no reason to ever touch the glass, so please **don't!**

24.) Please do not touch the acoustic foam, (found nearly everywhere on the walls and ceilings throughout the studio). This material is held in place by an adhesive that is generally strong enough to hold the material under its own weight but not designed to hold it in place while being touched or handled. The accidental removal of a piece of foam may cause a delay in the session, which would be an unnecessary waste of everyone's time. Occasionally, a piece of foam will fall out of place on its own. If you see this has occurred, please do not attempt to replace the foam yourself, but please do inform the engineer about it as soon as possible.

Thank you!