

President Lincoln's Cottage

Visitor Code of Conduct

President Lincoln's Cottage is a Home for Brave Ideas and nurtures space for growth and reflection for our visitors. We believe that it is the work of both staff and visitors to help ensure that this place remains a welcoming and brave space for all who visit. It is in that spirit that we share this Visitor Code of Conduct; please join us in helping everyone to feel at home at President Lincoln's Cottage.

Health and Safety

- Weapons of any kind are prohibited on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Campus (AFRH).
- Alcohol and tobacco are prohibited except as may be permitted for certain site rentals and designated public programs. For information about our accessibility options for visitors, please go here. [\[link\]](#)

Respect and Dignity

- Treat our staff and other visitors with dignity and respect. Help create a productive environment for meaningful conversations by being ready to listen to others' beliefs, opinions and ideas.
- Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in consequences, including dismissal from the property (please see consequences below). Harassment includes, but is not limited to:
 - o Intimidation
 - o Stalking
 - o Offensive comments or actions related to an individual's body, religion, identity
 - o Intentional mis-gendering
 - o Threats or acts of violence
 - o Repeated infringement on personal space
 - o Unwelcome sexual attention

Help Maintain the Historic Integrity of this Site

- President Lincoln's Cottage is located on the AFRH campus. Visitors of President Lincoln's Cottage are allowed in the following areas:

- Parking Lot 2
- The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center (both inside and in the immediate proximity outside)
- The Cottage itself (both inside [as part of a guided tour] and in the immediate proximity outside)
- Visitors outside of these areas will be considered trespassing on federal property.
- Personal bicycles are welcome on the campus. Please lock your bicycles on the rack beside the Visitor Education Center.
- Rental e-bikes and e-scooters are not allowed on Armed Forces Retirement Home Campus and can be parked outside of the AFRH gates.
- Trash cans are located around our campus. Recycling bins are located inside our Museum Store in the Visitor Education Center. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Strollers are allowed in our Visitor Education Center but are not allowed inside the Cottage itself.

Reporting

- If you witness discrimination, unsafe behavior, or any other action that breaks the Visitor Code of Conduct, please report the incident to staff inside the Visitor Education Center. You can also call (202) 829-0436 or email us at info@lincolncottage.org.
- If there is an emergency, please call 911.

Consequences

- President Lincoln's Cottage staff will ask any visitor breaking the above code to stop their unwelcome actions or behaviors. If the visitor does not immediately comply, Armed Forces Retirement Home security or the District of Columbia Police Department will be notified. The visitor must leave and will not be allowed to return.