SESSION 1 | ACTIVITY B

Handout: Photography Safety and Consent*

Safety

› **Follow the Leader**
  • The ground rules and agreements are created for your safety.

› **Take a Buddy**
  • ALWAYS let an adult know where you are and NEVER go out to take pictures alone.

› **Watch Out**
  • Any time you’re near moving traffic or other hazards, concentrate on getting where you’re going – NOT on taking your next photograph.
  • Even when you’ve stopped to take a picture, stay aware of all of your surroundings.

› **Trust your Gut**
  • Instincts can be very powerful. If something or someone doesn’t feel right, trust yourself and get out of that situation as quickly and calmly as possible.

› **Tell Somebody**
  • If something happens to you or someone else while you are out taking photographs that doesn’t feel safe, always let an adult know right away.

Consent

› Always ask (and receive) someone’s written permission before taking their photo, even if this means missing the perfect shot!

› Before you seek someone’s permission, ask yourself, “Would I mind if someone took a picture of me in this situation?” If the answer is that you would mind, skip the shot!

› Be especially careful when taking pictures of children. Talk to their parents first, and have a parent sign the Form: Subject Consent (see p. X).

› Do not take pictures of people who are in “private” settings, such as through a window into their home.

› It is a good idea to ask permission before taking a picture of private property (for example, someone’s house or yard).

› Remember to offer the person a copy of the picture. If the person would like a copy, have them note this on their consent form, along with their mailing or email address.

* Adapted from Metropolitan Area Planning Council (n.d.).