

Staten Island Ferry Passenger Rules of Conduct

By order of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) Commissioner, permission to use terminals and ferries is conditional upon acceptance and compliance with laws and rules. Any person who fails to comply with these rules may be subject to arrest, summons and/or may be prohibited from boarding the ferry and/or removed from the terminal.

1. No person shall engage in disorderly behavior in the terminals or on the ferries. Disorderly behavior includes, but is not limited to, acts that endanger the safety of oneself and/or others and acts disruptive to crew members and the normal function of the terminals and ferries.
2. No littering – place all trash and garbage in the receptacles provided.
3. No spitting or creating of any other unsanitary condition.
4. No person shall bathe, shower, shave, wash or change clothes or remain undressed in any public restroom or any other area in the terminals or on the ferries.
5. Lying down on seats and benches within the terminals and ferries is prohibited. No person shall occupy more than one seat. No person shall place personal belongings on seats and benches so as to interfere with their use by others.
6. Smoking and using electronic cigarettes are prohibited onboard the ferries at all times. Smoking and using electronic cigarettes are also prohibited within all enclosed spaces in the terminal and is allowed only in designated terminal areas.
7. No person shall remain on any ferry or in any terminal other than for transit or other NYC DOT authorized purpose.
8. No person shall leave any property unattended in the terminals or on the ferries or place property on the floors that may interfere with pedestrian traffic or waiting areas.
9. Unauthorized carrying of a firearm or weapon within the terminals or on the ferries is prohibited.
10. No person shall skateboard, roller skate or ride a bicycle, scooter or any other vehicle or device (except a wheelchair required for transit) on or through any part of the terminals or ferries. Bicycles and non-motorized scooters must be walked through the terminals and ferries and board the vessel via the lower level.
11. Playing any audible device so that it is plainly audible to others without the use of earphones is prohibited. Audible devices include but are not limited to phones, radios, game devices and video/audio playback devices.
12. Feeding of any animal within the terminals or on any ferry is prohibited.
13. Pets, other than service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, are not allowed in the terminals and/or onboard the ferries, unless they are caged and/or muzzled.
14. Destruction, graffiti, or marking of any facility or vessel is prohibited.
15. No person shall do anything which may interfere with the effectiveness or accessibility of any systems or equipment installed or located in the terminals or on the ferries including but not limited to boarding doors and the public announcement and intercommunication system.
16. Distribution or posting of any literature or advertisements, or campaigning without a NYC DOT permit is prohibited.
17. Commercial use of video, photography or audio recording equipment without a NYC DOT permit is prohibited.
18. All persons shall follow the direction of NYC DOT facility personnel or ferry crew members.

