



Staten Island Ferry Filming/Photography Permit Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it take to process a permit application?
 - a. Permit Application processing takes three to five business days.
2. How are permits issued?
 - a. A select number of permits are issued daily on a *first-come, first-served* basis, and approval is not guaranteed.
3. Do you take credit cards for film/photography permit fee payments?
 - a. No, currently we only accept money orders or certified checks payable to the *NYC Department of Transportation* delivered in-person or sent by a trackable method.
4. Can I stay on the boat for the return trip?
 - a. No, the USCG-mandated Staten Island Ferry security plan requires you to exit the boat upon docking and reboard with the other passengers.
5. What is the maximum number of people I can bring with me?
 - a. Film/Photography Permit – no more than twelve (12) persons.
6. Do you provide parking for permittees?
 - a. No, we do not provide parking for permittees.
7. Why can't I get a film/photography permit during weekday morning or afternoon rush hours?
 - a. The Staten Island Ferry provides transportation service from Staten Island to Manhattan and back for Staten Island residents, tourists, and other commuters. Permits are not issued to film/photograph during weekday rush hours (6 am – 9:30 am and 3:30 pm – 7 pm).
8. Can I use tables or props to film/photograph?
 - a. No, tables, structures, easels, tripods, or any props are not permitted.
9. Can you store our belongings while we use our permit?
 - a. No, we do not provide storage for permittees.
10. Is there a time limit when requesting a permit?
 - a. Film/Photography Permit – there is a time restriction Monday thru Friday. Permits are not issued during rush hours (6 am – 9:30 am and 3:30 pm – 7 pm).
 - b. Permits are not issued on September 11th, the Five Boro Bike Tour, the NYC Marathon, or any City/Agency sponsored engagement.
11. Can we film/photograph anywhere in the terminals and ferryboats?
 - a. You may request to film or photograph only in the public areas on ferryboats and in the terminals.