

AMTRAK CORPORATE GUIDELINES ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING – FOR POSTING ON AMTRAK.COM WEBSITE

SECTION I Policy.

The taking of photographs and/or videos is permissible within public access areas on Amtrak property and as otherwise stated in Section III.

In emergency and/or special circumstances (for example, declared elevation to Homeland Security Advisory System) and where actions are deemed suspicious or inconsistent with this policy by observing/reporting persons, photographers and videographers may be approached and questioned to determine if further investigation or action is necessary.

Photography and video recording within restricted areas are prohibited. Individuals found in a restricted area will be subject to investigation and possible arrest and seizure of photography and/or video recording equipment may occur pursuant to the arrest. This policy applies in all circumstances, including where Amtrak may be promoting a photography contest or event.

SECTION II Definitions.

Commercial and Special Photography. Photography that requires explicit authorization from Amtrak and includes engagements for commercial gain or profit such as, television and movie films or commercials, advertisement photography or activities for documentary and educational purposes.

Public Area. An area open to general public access and occupancy (station areas and platforms for ticketed passengers only) that is not otherwise posted or restricted by posted signs or locking devices. Signage, building design and physical barriers, i.e. fencing, bollards, etc., may also distinguish a public area from a restricted area.

Restricted Area. A restricted area is any area not open to or occupied by the public, or is open to or occupied by the public on a limited basis. Signage, building design and physical barriers, i.e. fencing, bollards, etc., may also distinguish a restricted area from a public area. Restricted areas include but are not limited to the following:

1. Platforms (ticketed passengers are exempt)
2. Crew and Employee Work Areas
3. Maintenance Facilities
4. Unoccupied Trains and Engines
5. Office Areas
6. Employee Elevators
7. Baggage/Delivery Areas
8. Commissaries
9. Right of Way and Track Areas
10. In service train cars

SECTION III Exceptions

1. **Commercial and Special Photography.** Prior arrangements must be made with Amtrak's Real Estate Department at (215) 349-1612 for approval.
2. **News Photography.** While members of the news media are entitled to the same access for photography purposes as the general public, news media may request additional

access by contacting the Amtrak Media Relations Office, 202-906-3860. Amtrak recommends that members of the news media present valid press credentials when they film (print and video photography) in the public areas at Amtrak's stations and strongly encourages the news media to contact Amtrak's Media Relations Office in advance to facilitate and ensure appropriate access, particularly at major Amtrak stations. As a courtesy, Media Relations Representatives will frequently issue a letter or accompany news media in the Northeast, Chicago and California regions.

3. **Ticketed Passengers on platforms** may photograph or video record during the time they are preparing to board or immediately after alighting from a train. Equipment is limited to hand-held devices and must not require more than one minute to set up and complete and must be done in a reasonable and safe manner as determined by Amtrak.
4. **Ticketed passengers on board trains** may take photos or video record on a train when it does not interfere with passengers or crew and in accordance with any directions given by Amtrak onboard train personnel.
5. **Other photography or video recording** not covered by this policy requires advance approval from the area Amtrak Station Manager.

Section IV Law Enforcement

1. Amtrak Police and Security personnel may approach photographers and videographers upon a complaint from a member of the public or Amtrak personnel that the activity is suspicious in nature, or based upon their own observation that the activity is suspicious in nature or inconsistent with this policy.
2. Amtrak Police and Security Personnel will advise the individual that an inquiry is being conducted for security purposes. Amtrak Police and Security personnel will follow established departmental regulations in this area.
3. Nothing in this policy limits or expands the authority of Amtrak police officers to initiate and pursue investigations, perform a pat down or frisk based upon reasonable suspicion, and/or conduct searches based upon probable cause or any recognized exception to the probable cause requirement in accordance with all legal authority.