



RULES AND REGULATIONS

The best attitude to take into this experience is to pretend that you have arrived in a far-away land where the customs, language, food and thinking are very different from your own. Thinking about the inner-city this way will help you prepare for your time in the city. Safety is our number one priority and the following guidelines are to help you understand the culture of the city a little better.

1. While in the city, you will be guided by Mission Denver staff. These are people who know the city and how to make your experience safe and meaningful. Please listen to the Mission Denver staff at all times and do not question decisions on the spot (wait until you are out of the immediate situation).
2. It is important that students are never outside of the Mission Denver housing site without an adult sponsor.
3. There can be no yelling, whistling, gesturing, etc. out of the buildings or vehicles. This can be misinterpreted and may be dangerous.
4. Money should be handled out of sight so we do not create temptation for anyone. In addition, we ask that group members not give money to anyone. If you think that someone has a legitimate need, please refer him or her to Mission Denver staff. This is for your own protection. If you have money that you want to give to people who need it, it is best to give it to one of the organizations where you will be serving, as money goes further that way. You may make extra sack lunches to give out, or maybe even invite someone to a ministry site for lunch.
5. You should always be aware of your surroundings and not so wrapped up in conversation that you don't realize what is going on around you. The best way to avoid danger is to not walk into it.
6. Bathrooms and showers are at a premium. We ask that, due to limited space, your showers be five minutes maximum.
7. Lights out will be at 11 p.m. each night. Please keep noise down after 10 pm. Be respectful of other groups staying with you. Remember, we are living in a neighborhood where noise travels easily.
8. Most ministry sites do not allow photographs to be taken because it takes away from your effectiveness to do ministry. In addition, many people don't want their picture taken and some children cannot be photographed for legal reasons. If you want to take a picture, first check your motivation, and then check with your Mission Denver host.
9. The key to inner-city ministry is flexibility. We have a schedule prepared for you, but God may have something different in mind. If plans change, just accept it as God's guidance for your trip and go with it.
10. It is important to remember that wherever you go, you are an ambassador for Jesus Christ. It will be quite obvious to city residents that you are not from the area, and many can also tell that you are with a church. Therefore, you will want to behave well towards each other and strangers. In addition, public displays of affection between men and women (students, leaders and/or Mission Denver staff) such as teasing, roughhousing, and backrubs are inappropriate when with Mission Denver and especially at ministry sites.