

Education Programs & Tours

Frequently Asked Questions

BOOKING

Can I book programs for more than one class at a time?

We are a heritage building with limited programming space and can normally only accommodate one class at a time.

Do you have programs for ESL/ELL students?

Yes! All our programs can be adapted for all language levels. Please inform our Education Programmer if your class is ELL/ESL when you book your program.

Do you have programs for students with learning disabilities or alternative learning school programs?

Yes! Our programs can be adapted for all learning abilities. Please check with our Education Programmer if you have questions or your group has specific needs, before your visit.

ARRIVALS & CANCELLATIONS

Is there parking?

There is metered street parking in front of the museum on Cordova St. For buses or shuttles we recommend students be dropped off in front of the museum. There are paid parking lots within walking distance. There is no designated visitor parking.

What is your cancellation policy?

Programs must be cancelled at least 24-hours before the scheduled booking. Any programs cancelled with less than 24-hours notice will be invoiced the full payment of the booking. Modifications or rebooked programs must be made within 24-hours. Exceptions can be made if any students develop symptoms prior to arrival.

What if we arrive late for our program?

Please arrive on time! Late arrivals may be subject to a shortened program or cancellation.

THE MUSEUM EXHIBITS

What should we know about the museum before we visit?

The VPMA is located in the former City Coroner's Services and Forensic Analyst Lab. The historic City Morgue and Autopsy Suite are authentic spaces with displays of preserved specimens, and our True Crime exhibit contains some sensitive material such as crime scene photos and details of violent crime. These spaces are important aspects of Vancouver's law enforcement and forensic investigation history and we have the unique opportunity of housing these preserved facilities. However, we recognize that some of the exhibits' content may not be appropriate for all visitors.

We advise visitors with questions or concerns to contact us before their visit.

Our staff are dedicated museum professionals who will do their best to answer any questions, and we strive to promote an open and informed dialogue about our building and its history.

Where do the programs take place in the museum?

All forensics programs take place in a separate programming room. Museum Discovery Tours take place in the former Coroner's Courtroom, the City Morgue and Autopsy Facility. The Morgue and Autopsy Suite contain historic exhibits on pathology and criminal investigation. Visitor discretion is advised.

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Regular hours:

Thursday - Saturday 11:00am — 5:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm — 5:00pm