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Movie Theater Safety



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Many people go to a movie theater or cinema to see a movie on a large screen.
I need a ticket to get into the room where the movie will be shown.



I can buy my ticket at the theater or online before I get there.

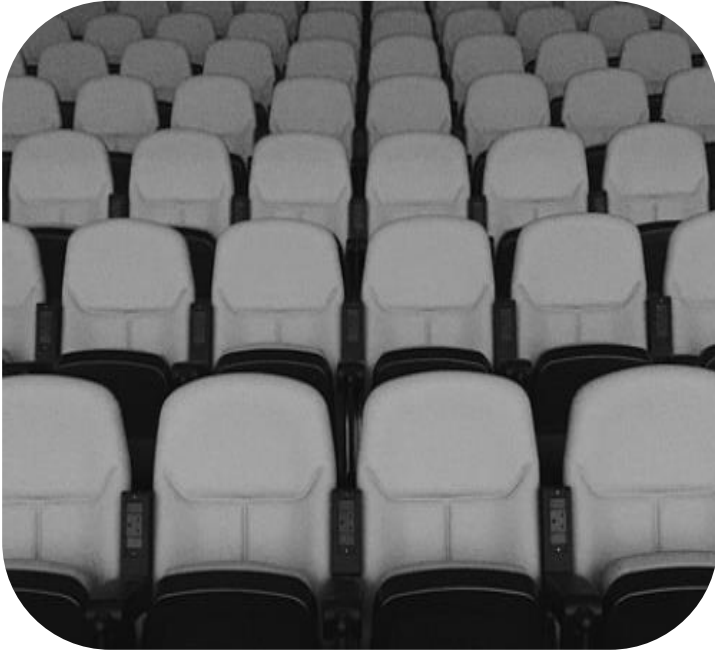
If I buy the ticket at the theater, there may be a line of people before me. I need to stand behind the last person in the line and wait for my turn to pay for my ticket.

An employee at the cinema may ask to see my paper ticket or digital ticket on my phone before letting me into the theater that is showing the movie.



Sometimes I can also buy snacks at the cinema while watching the movie.

I need to wait on line to buy one or two snacks. I cannot buy all of the snacks.



When the movie is about to start, the theater will get dark.

When the movie is over, the lights will turn back on.



The movie screen is very large. There may be many bright lights and the sound may be very loud.

I can cover my ears or eyes if it is bothering me. I can also use headphones or earplugs to block some of the sound.

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Before the movie begins, there may be previews for other movies or commercials.
I need to wait patiently until they end. Then the movie will start.



Sometimes there are only a few people in the movie theater. Other times there may be a lot of people in the theater.

It is important for me to remain quiet during the movie. Making noise makes it difficult for others to hear the movie. Everyone wants to see and hear the movie.



I should try not to use a device or phone during the movie to avoid creating a distraction, additional light or noise.



Movies can make me laugh, make me cry, and some movies can be scary.
It is okay for me to feel these feelings and to react to the movie. But movies cannot hurt me. They are not real.



When the movie is over, it is time for me to leave the theater.

I shouldn't leave through the door that says, "FIRE EXIT."

I do not open a door that is for emergencies, unless there is an emergency.

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