

Policy on Photography in the galleries (2009)

Photography is NOT permitted in the galleries

- *except by prior permission of the Keeper staff*

This is because

- Some of the items on display are here on loan to the Museum and each lender's permission needs to be obtained for a photograph to be taken of his / her objects
- Copyright issues prohibit unregulated photography of some items
- Photography interferes with the quiet enjoyment of the collections by other visitors.

There are now over 145,000 images of objects available at low resolution via the museum website www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk which can be used for personal and educational purposes. There are thousands more images available both from the Museum Image Library (see <http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/dept/imagelibrary/>) and via the Bridgeman Art Library (see <http://www.bridgeman.co.uk/>). The Museum is constantly working towards making yet more images available.

Scholars and students may write to the Museum with a request to take photographs for their private study or research. Such requests are passed for approval to the Keeper of the collection and it is therefore essential to be clear about the object(s) in question (ideally by accession number, but certainly by gallery and description). As private photography may have to be arranged outside public opening hours, the opportunities are restricted.

There is no restriction on photography of the exterior of the Museum buildings and it is usually permitted in the main entrance hall **without flash** (restricted only if it is likely to cause inconvenience to other visitors). It is currently not permitted in the Courtyard because there are works in copyright on display.

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