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Pre-Visit Stories

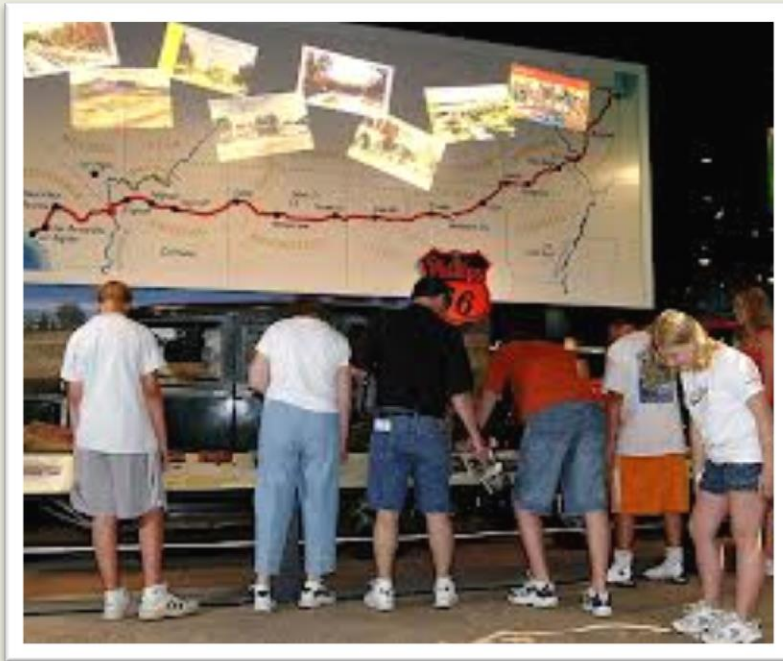


KEEPING PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT PLACE



Morning at the Museum

The Right Place



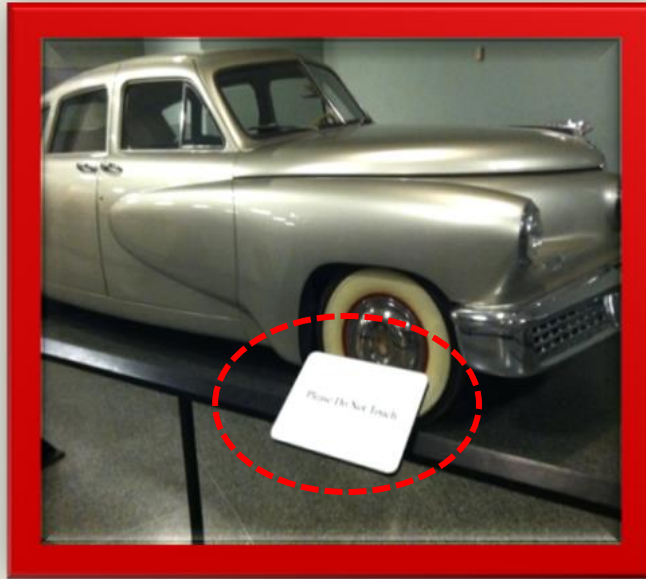
I am going to a museum soon. There are many ways to keep people in the right place at a museum. In a museum, a **‘right place’** is any area that is safe for people, exhibits, and items on display. When visiting a museum, it’s important to know how to stay in the **right place**.

Barriers



Museums use **barriers** to keep people in the right place. Sometimes, a barrier is a railing. In this photo the bus is on one side of the railing, and the girl is on the other. She's standing in the **right place**.

Barriers



A barrier may be a rail, or a rail with sign. This sign in this photo says, “**Please Do Not Touch**”.

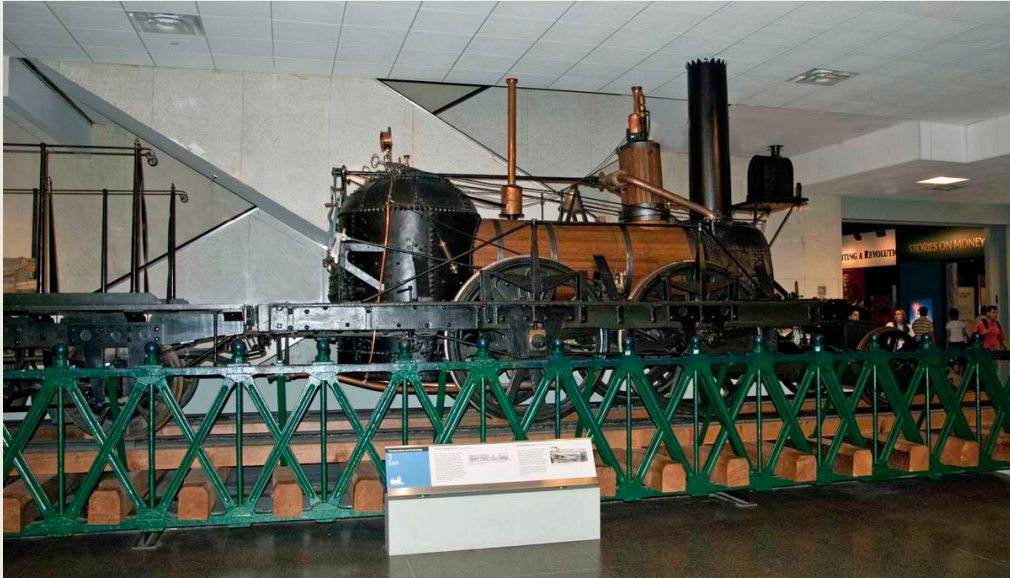
Actually, it’s ok if someone touches the sign. The sign really means, “**Please do not touch this car**”. And the rail means, “Stay where you are, away from the car.” The sign and rail are there to keep people **in the right place**.

Barriers



A barrier may be an object. Or, it may be an object, a rail, or signs, too. They all mean, **“Please stay on the right side of this display.”**

Look for Barriers



People try to **look** around for barriers. They **look** for signs, rails, and objects. This helps them **stay in the right place**. They look for other barriers, too. This helps them so know what to do.

Stay in the Right Place



When I visit the National Museum of American History, I will try to find the barriers and **stay in the right place**. This will help me stay safe. It will help others **stay in the right place**, too.