

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

Assistance dogs - guidance for visitors

We welcome assistance dogs at Royal Academy of Dance headquarters as part of our commitment to accessibility. Please help us to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all our visitors by not bringing other dogs or pets into the building.

Assistance dogs play a crucial role in the lives of many people with disabilities and provide independence for people with medical conditions, and mental health issues.

Assistance dogs are highly trained, which means they:

- will not wander freely around the premises,
- will sit or lie quietly on the floor next to their owner,
- are unlikely to foul in a public place.

We would not expect to see:

- dogs that have not been trained to behave well in public e.g. lunging, constant barking, jumping up or pulling strongly on a lead (although some assistance dogs may jump to alert their owner),
- dogs with aggressive or very fearful temperaments e.g. cowering or growling,
- poorly cared for dogs that are a hygiene risk, and
- dogs that are not toilet trained.

Assistance dogs should be always kept on a lead and under close control while on the premises, and the owner should, where possible, clean up after their dog.

Please let us know if you need additional support by [contacting us by email](#).

[For further information on assistance dogs.](#)