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# The Metropolitan Museum of Art Banned Selfie Sticks

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## Museums worry they could hurt other visitors or damage the art

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is banning selfie sticks. So, if you're hoping to Instagram yourself standing in the Temple of Dendur, you may be out of luck.

The Met is one of many museums discouraging use of the selfie stick on the grounds that it could be dangerous to other visitors and to the artwork itself, although signs explicitly banning them have not yet been posted, the New York *Times* [reports](#).

MOMA has also [banned the selfie stick](#), along with the National Gallery of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. Museum officials told the *Times* they were concerned that waving selfie sticks around could hit other visitors or damage delicate artwork.

Selfie sticks are still permitted at the Louvre in Paris as well as the Tate Modern and National Gallery in London — for now.

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A couple use a 'selfie stick' to take a photo overlooking the city skyline of central Seoul on Nov. 26, 2014.