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Bring your dancing shoes. Bring your sunscreen. But please leave those selfie sticks at home.



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Selfie sticks, those divisive extenders used to take even grander photos of yourself, have been banned by two of the nation's largest music festivals, Coachella and Lollapalooza, the [Associated Press reports](#).

Though the reasoning behind the ban wasn't explained by the management of either festival, the devices have earned the ire of concert-goers whose views have been blocked by inconsiderate people using them. When the Australian music festival Soundwave [banned selfie sticks](#) this year, the promoters said they did so to ensure attendees' enjoyment.

On the [official Coachella website](#), selfie sticks now appear on the list of forbidden items, alongside hula hoops, weapons, pets and audio-recording devices. The wording specifically says "no selfie sticks/narsisstics." The [Lollapalooza FAQ page](#) bans "photo attachments like sticks, selfie sticks and monopods," but allows for the narcissists.

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The AP story noted that Miami's Ultra Music Festival, which took place March 27-29, tweeted on March 5 that selfie sticks would also be banned, noting "They will be turned away and we'll probably make fun of you."


Ultra Music Festival
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alicepattinson • a month ago

Banning Selfie Stick Pro in an event like that is just for securing safeness inside the venue. :)

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nonsense.

if you attend a concert of this type, you will be blinded by the illumination of all the other concert goers cellular phones while they attempt to record the performer.

I find this is more of a distraction than some idiot using a selfie stick.

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gopro sticks too? ugh. i guess I'll have to rig up a water bottle stick.

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I agree they shouldn't be at concerts, but I don't see what the problem is in life. Its a fun way to capture moments.

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