

12 Etiquette Tips for the Successful Actor

1. There is no unnecessary talking on the set or in the theater.
2. Gum chewing and eating is not allowed in any part of the theater space.
3. Unless permission has been obtained from the director, cell phones should not be used during rehearsals or performances.
4. Do not invite any additional people to rehearsal. Rehearsals are closed to the public unless permission of the director has been given.
5. Do not argue over any decision made for you by an adult involved in the production.
6. Once you are in your costume, do not eat or drink, unless told otherwise by someone else in charge.
7. Always be alert in the theater and listen to your direction.
8. Keep your private business private; no one wants to hear about it when they are trying to act.
9. Always wait until you hear a 'cut' cue to stop acting.
10. Never criticize another actor's work. Let the directors and the audience members make that decision for themselves.
11. Be on time; be prepared; & be flexible.
12. Three or more "unexcused" tardies, early departures and/or absences from rehearsals are grounds for removal from the production. Emergencies need to be communicated to the director when possible.
13. You may not leave a rehearsal without notifying an adult involved in the production. You may NEVER leave the premises during a performance.

These guidelines are universal in the theater world. Understand them and how they apply to you as you enter this production process.