

ANTIQUITIES (ENCLOSURES) RULES
RULES CONCERNING MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES

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IN EXERCISE of the powers vested in me by section 3 of the Antiquities (Enclosures) Ordinance, 1935¹¹ (hereinafter referred to as “the Ordinance”) and section 14 (a) and 2 (d) of the Law and Administration Ordinance, 5708—1948,¹² I hereby make the following Rules:

Definitions.

1. In these Rules —
“the Minister” means the Minister of Education and Culture;
“the Department” means the Department of Antiquities in the Ministry of Education and Culture;
“the Director” means the Director of the Department and any person to whom the Director has delegated all or any of his powers under these Rules;
“antiquity” has the same meaning as in the Antiquities Ordinance;¹³
“museum” means any place referred to in section 2 (a) of the Ordinance;
“historical site” means any historical place referred to in section 2 (b) of the Ordinance;
“area of antiquities” means a museum and an historical site;
“guard” means a guard referred to in section 3 of the Ordinance.

Declaration of closed area.

2. The Minister may, by declaration published in *Reshumot*, declare any area of antiquities to be an area entry into which is restricted (such an area being hereinafter referred to as a “closed area”).

Entry into closed area.

3. A person shall not enter a closed area except —
 - (1) under an entry permit from the Director;
 - (2) on such days and at such hours as the Director may prescribe.

Museum.

4. No person shall: —
 - (a) eat or smoke in a museum;
 - (b) leave litter in a museum except in the places prescribed by the Director;
 - (c) touch any antiquity or furniture in a museum;

11. Above, p. 20.

12. *Iton Rishmi* of 5708—1948, No. 2, Suppl. I, pp. 1ff.

13. Above, p. 3.

- Historical site.
- Appointment of guards.
- Rights of guard.
- Duties of guard.
- Booklet.
- (d) move any antiquity or piece of furniture in a museum except by permission of the Director;
 - (e) remove any antiquity or piece of furniture from a museum except by permission of the Minister or the Director General of the Ministry of Education and Culture;¹⁴
 - (f) take any photograph in a museum except by permission of the Director.
5. No person shall: —
- (a) move an antiquity on an historical site;
 - (b) remove an antiquity from a historical site except by permission of the Director;
 - (c) scrape the surface of the ground on an historical site;
 - (d) eat on a historical site;
 - (e) leave litter or rubbish on an historical site, except in the places prescribed by the Director;
 - (f) take any photograph on an historical site except by permission of the Director.
6. (a) The Minister may appoint guards for an area of antiquities.
(b) Every appointment shall be valid for a period of six months.
7. A guard may receive from the Department —
- (1) an appointment booklet (hereinafter referred to as "booklet");
 - (2) a uniform, including also an overcoat, a hat and one pair of shoes per year;
 - (3) an armband bearing the inscription "*Noter Atikot*" (Antiquities Guard) (hereinafter referred to as "band").
8. Any guard shall —
- (1) carry the booklet issued to him whenever he is in an area of antiquities;
 - (2) wear the band above his left elbow, in a conspicuous position, while carrying out his functions;
 - (3) protect an area of antiquities from all harm;
 - (4) after the termination of his appointment return to the Department the booklet and band issued to him and all equipment received by him for the purpose of carrying out his functions.
9. (a) Any booklet shall show —
- (1) the guard's name;
 - (2) the number of his identity book;

14. The Minister of Education and Culture transferred his powers in this respect to the Director of Antiquities in his letter dated 20th May, 1959.

- (3) the guard's number;
(4) the date of issue and date of latest renewal of the booklet;
(5) the guard's photograph.
- (b) Any booklet shall bear the signatures of the Director and the guard.
- Power of employees of the Department.
10. An employee of the Department, or a guard, may —
- (1) require any person who, being in the area of a museum, contravenes the provisions of section 4 of the Ordinance to leave such area;
 - (2) forcibly remove from the area of a museum any person who does not comply with a request under paragraph (1);
 - (3) detain any person who, being within an area of antiquities, is suspected of theft or of causing damage to an antiquity or to any other property in such area; provided that a person detained as aforesaid shall be handed over to a police officer as soon as possible, together with a report on the circumstances of his detention.
- Restriction.
11. The provisions of rule 4 (e) shall not apply to a museum not maintained by the Department or to an archaeological excavation so long as it is not conducted by the Department.
- Citation.
12. These Rules may be cited as the Antiquities (Enclosures) Rules, 5719—1959.