

A Beginner's Guide to Film Set Etiquette

A few etiquette guidelines for acting on a professional film set:

1. Please turn off or silence your cell phones. Photography is strictly prohibited.
2. **Be quiet.** There are a lot of crew and cast in the space with a lot of communication that needs to happen, so limit your volume while on set. When you hear "**QUIET ON SET!**" or "**ACTION!**" you need to be completely silent in order to preserve clean audio recording. Even a whisper can ruin a take. If asked to "talk," silently mouth the words "peas and carrots," "watermelon," or "rhubarb" over and over in place of speaking aloud to another background actor.
3. **Until you hear "CUT,"** assume that we are **actively filming** and **do not break character, get up to go to the bathroom, or look directly into the camera,** unless instructed otherwise. There will be time between shots where you can get water, use the restroom, and eat snacks.
4. **Do not talk to the cast (actors) or director** unless they are speaking to you, or there is a safety concern. I am happy to field all questions and thoughts!
5. Please let me know before you go to the bathroom or leave the set so I know where you are.