



Visitor Policy

If Something Isn't Right

You should speak with a committee officer or consult our **[grievance policy](#)** or **[whistleblowing policy](#)**.

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Introduction

We're always happy to meet new people; but sometimes it's not appropriate for a non-member to be in attendance. You should always seek permission from the appropriate person before suggesting that someone attend. If permission is granted, you will be responsible for their behaviour when they're with us.

A non-member is someone who is not on our official membership list maintained by the secretary.

When You Don't Need Permission

You do not need permission to invite a non-member if;

- it is to an open audition – provided they have completed the audition prerequisites such as an audition form,
- they're attending an open session of the society such as a new member evening,
- they're assisting or representing you in a disciplinary or dismissal matter, or
- the non-member is your carer.

When You Do Need Permission

There are often sensitive and confidential topics discussed at committee meetings; therefore, non-members will only be permitted to attend where the committee has agreed in advance. You may ask any committee officer who will then seek a consensus from the full committee and provide you with their answer.

It is the purview of the director whether to allow a non-member to attend a rehearsal.

It is the purview of the stage manager whether to allow a non-member to attend tech week, dress rehearsal, or be allowed in the backstage areas of the venue during a performance.

You'll need permission from the committee for a non-member to attend a BATS members event – such as a BATS BBQ, Christmas party, or theatre trip – unless it's explicitly stated that non-members are welcome.

When You Will Not Get Permission

You will not get permission for a non-member to attend a ticketed event without paying the ticket fee except where they have formally been invited by the committee.

Members of the Press and Dignitaries

The committee or creative team may invite members of the press or dignitaries to attend rehearsals, performances, or members-only events for the purposes of furthering the society's aims.