



Toronto Camera Club

To study and promote the art of photography in all its branches.
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Toronto Camera Club In-house Nude Photography Policy

Nude photography is a well-established art form, and the Toronto Camera Club allows this type of photography in the Club's in-house studio. This policy helps to ensure that the models and our Members operate in a safe and private environment.

Following are the nude photography requirements.

Reserving the Club:

1. As with any type of in-house shoot, the organizing Member must make the reservation by sending an email to StudioLights@TorontoCameraClub.com, and needs to mention that the reservation is for a nude photography shoot. For further details, see the Club's Studio Lighting Policy, found [here](#).
2. Once the reservation details are confirmed, the Studio Lights Administrator will send a reservation request to WebsiteCalendar@TorontoCameraClub.com, stating that this is a nude shoot and the website calendar should indicate that the Club auditorium is closed.

Note that the Powell Gallery and the basement – including the Darkroom – can be open.

Attending Members:

3. When planning with the model, encourage the model to bring a friend or other person to accompany them during the shoot.¹ However, an invitee is not required.
4. In the case of a nude photography shoot, there should be a minimum of two Members and spectators are not allowed, except for the model's invitee.
5. Anyone involved in a nude photography shoot needs to be 18 or older.

¹ For easier readability, the term *model* will be used to represent both a single model and multiple models.

Preparing the Club:

To ensure the privacy of the Club's auditorium, all access or visibility points to the auditorium need to be secured. The following three signs will serve this purpose.

Note that each of the signs will be large and easily read, and will state the following:
The Main Auditorium is closed for a private photography event – Do Not Enter.

Each sign will also contain the following email address: StudioLights@TorontoCameraClub.com.

1. **Sign-1:** Rather than hang a sign on the inside of the front door, place a chair on the inside of the front door and place a sign on that chair. Therefore, the sign has a 100% chance of being seen and read.
2. **Sign-2:** So that Members of the Club do not enter the Projection Booth during a shoot, a sign should be placed on a chair in front of the Project Booth door.
3. **Sign-3:** A chair should be placed on the outside of the door that leads from the stairwell to the main auditorium. A sign should be placed on that chair.

With these three signs, the privacy of the auditorium shooting area will be protected.

Video and Recording Devices:

4. Any video or recording devices in the Club should be turned off during the shoot. Therefore, the Studio Lights Administrator should contact the person who controls the devices before and after the shoot.

Preparing for the Model:

5. Ask the model to bring a robe, which should be worn in-between shoots. It's recommended that the arranging Member bring a robe in case the model does not bring their own.
6. The model should be provided with a private area for dressing and undressing. A curtain hung in the corner of the main auditorium, or the washrooms are suitable changing areas. If the model is to use the washroom, then a robe is mandatory, while walking to/from the washroom.
7. For normal shoots, touching a model can only be done with specific permission from the model. However, touching a nude model is strictly prohibited.
8. Ask the model if they have a release that they need signed and if so, review *before* the shoot to ensure that all the terms are acceptable and achievable.
9. Advise the model that we have taken steps to ensure the privacy of the shoot. However, many Members have keys to the Club and therefore, an uninvited person might enter the shooting area, and if so, they will be asked to leave immediately.

Questions concerning this policy should be sent to: StudioLights@TorontoCameraClub.com.

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