

LIVING HISTORY SAFETY POLICY

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Living history encompasses a variety of activities in which individuals recreate ways of life and re-enact historical events, including battles. It is an especially popular and effective way to educate the public about history and the connections between past and present. PHMC's Living History Safety Policy guides all living history activities, including battle reenactments, at its Historic Sites and Museums that demonstrate historic weapons. Its purpose is to ensure the safety of all – volunteers, participants, staff and visitors.

Permitted Activities

All living history programs at PHMC Historic Sites and Museums must reflect the mission of the site. Historic weapons demonstrations, tactical exercises and "force on force" reenactments depicting combat between opposing forces are allowed. Those who oversee or participate in events and programs featuring historic weapons must comply with all governing PHMC associate or management agreements and the PHMC's Safety Manual for Historic Weapons Programs (January 2018). All changes to the Safety Manual must be approved by the Commission.