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Nebraska Capitol Rally Guidelines

The Nebraska State Capitol North and West Plazas may be used for public gatherings, vigils, demonstrations or rallies dealing with statewide political issues and activities. These events are generally held for the purpose of bringing groups of people together and creating community awareness for an issue or activity and are not allowed inside the Capitol. These events are allowed on the exterior of the Capitol, weather permitting. Individuals and organizations holding a demonstration/rally must follow these guidelines.

1. Demonstrations/rallies are allowed on the North Entrance lower terrace, the West Plaza and the public sidewalks near the street surrounding the Capitol between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., weather permitting.

2. Official functions of government shall have priority for use of Capitol space.

3. Participants shall not block or restrict access to any public entrance of the Capitol or grounds, nor interfere with the normal order of state business. A clear 5 foot wide aisle must be maintained for entry into and exit from the Capitol.

4. Groups are responsible for any audio equipment used. Access to electricity may be provided with 24 hour notice of the event.

5. Any signs and/or banners must be hand held; wood, metal, plastic poles and standards are not allowed. No signs may be affixed to the Capitol structure or any tree, monument or statue on Capitol property. Any signs not in physical control may be disposed of as abandoned property.

6. Participants must remain on hard surfaces, terraces and sidewalks. Groups are to keep off the lawn and shrubbery, and are not to climb on retaining walls or balustrades.

7. NO CANDLES or open flames, or sidewalk chalk are allowed on the Capitol Grounds, plazas, entrances or sidewalks.

The Office of the Capitol Commission shall be notified of a group or individual's intent to use the Capitol Plazas or public sidewalks for these purposes. Two week's notice is preferred. Please call the Tourism Supervisor at (402)471-0449 or email roxanne.smith@nebraska.gov for information and to schedule use of the space.