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## County Permitting Guidelines

Film Permits are required throughout Miami-Dade County and each of its municipalities for commercial film, video or still photo shoots that are conducted on public property; roads and streets, sidewalks, or in parks, beaches or public buildings.

FilMiami.org offers one stop on-line permitting for Miami-Dade County and City of Miami Beach facilities and properties, as well as for most other local municipalities.

Permits cost \$100.00 per every 28 days. We require a minimum of 24 hour notice for processing permits (Exceptions: Port of Miami, Miami International Airport, Miami-Dade Transit – permits need sometimes up to 14 days notice and are subject to approval), a certificate of insurance additionally insuring Miami-Dade County, or the appropriate municipality, for \$1 million of liability and specific information on locations, dates and times, budget information and any other special arrangements.

A Film Permit is not required in instances where individuals filming or video taping only for personal or private use or for employees of print or electronic news media for "breaking news" events. Students and faculty filming exclusively for educational purposes should apply for a permit. The permit application fee is waived if the student and project are verified by a school/professor. Also, Miami-Dade County does not require a film permit for shoots on private property (residential or otherwise).

However, if you are filming in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County, on sidewalks or streets, or parking vehicles in swale areas, then those areas need to be permitted. Noise ordinances apply to all film permitting. However, some municipalities have greater restrictions. Please check with our office.

A permit cannot be issued in a residential area and certain other areas prior to 7:00am or after 11:00pm. Please check with the Miami Beach Film office regarding the conditions for film/photo shoots in residential neighborhoods (see contact info below)

To apply for a film permit, please visit [www.filmmiami.org](http://www.filmmiami.org) and fill out the online application form. Please note: that you can permit for Miami Beach through the FilMiami permitting system at [www.FilMiami.org](http://www.FilMiami.org) website. However, Miami Beach has their own Film Office and the permits that are submitted through Filmiami.org system for Miami Beach are NOT issued through the Miami-Dade County Office of Film and Entertainment but are issued the Miami Beach Film Office.

City of Miami does not use the FilMiami permitting system. If you need to apply for a permit that shoots in the City of Miami Film Permit you will need to contact them directly.

Miami Beach Office of Film and Event Production Management – 305-673-7070  
City of Miami Film Office – 305-416-1318

For a list of municipalities within Miami-Dade County permitted by the Miami-Dade Office of Film & Entertainment, please contact us at 305-375-3288

**The following are some popular County locations and their guidelines:**

**County Parks and Beaches:** Arrangements and approval must be made in advance with the appropriate park manager. County Parks usually charge a film/photo fee per day of \$300.00 (Exception: Crandon Park Beach. Go to: [www.filmiami.org](http://www.filmiami.org) – Film permit Info center for details- Crandon has higher film/photo fees), as well as, for vehicle parking. Some Parks limit the number of film crews that can shoot on a particular day.

**Miami-Dade County Transit:** property requires an access letter and a permit from our office. Please see our website [www.filmiami.org](http://www.filmiami.org), for the filming regulations of the Transit system. **All** film/photo requests require the hiring of a County designated security guard to accompany film shoots on the Transit system.

**Miami International Airport:** Approval must be obtained and coordinated by MIA's Special Event Manager. Cit can take up to 10 working days for approval. Filming is subject to availability. Special clearances must be obtained for filming in certain areas. Under no circumstances may weapons (faux or real) are allowed by cast and crew on MIA property. All filming at Miami International Airport requires a canine sweep and a Miami-Dade County Police officer be hired to accompany production. Large productions may be required to hire more police officers. An electrical tie-in requires the hiring of the house electrician.

**Port of Miami, New and Old Port Bridges** Letter of intent must be emailed to Dorothea "Dee" Belz (DBelz@filmiami.org), Film and Entertainment Coordinator, Miami-Dade County Office of Film and Entertainment. Letter must be on company letterhead and must include. A Seaport Special Events Form (see Film Permit Info Center at [FilMiami.org](http://FilMiami.org)) needs to be completed which includes the full names and date of birth for each person in your crew and cast. At least one Off-duty Officer and one Port Security officer must accompany production. A 14 days advance notice may be required. There is a per person cost for cast and crew security passes. There is a 72 hour minimum advance notice for security clearance and security passes to be issued. Certain other fees might apply. **NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND, FAUX OR OTHERWISE ARE ALLOWED AT THE PORT.**

**Medical Examiner's Office** Ability to shoot at the ME's Office is on a case-by-case basis. At a minimum an Indemnification Agreement/Waiver of Liability must be signed and the understanding of the Dale Earnhardt Law be understood and abided by. Please contact the Miami-Dade Office of Film and Entertainment for more information, 305-375-3288. A film permit is required in addition to any paperwork that the ME's Office provides.

**Roads & Bridges** The ability to shoot on roads or bridges is on a case-by-case basis. In addition to a County film permit, some roads and bridges might require a permit from the Florida Department of Transportation. Please contact the Miami-Dade Office of Film and Entertainment for more information, 305-375-3288. Filming on most roads and bridges in Miami-Dade County require the hiring of off-duty police. In addition, filming on bridges may require the hiring of a bridge supervisor. **No permission will be give to film on roads and/or bridges during rush hour traffic.** All road and bridge permissions are coordinated through our office.

**Road Closures** Submission of Road Closure paperwork (available at [www.filmiami.org](http://www.filmiami.org)) is required at least 5 working days in advance of the street closing. The road closure permit is only valid with police and fire department signatures of approval. Road closing does not extend beyond 11 p.m. Proper barricades with reflectorized orange and white stripes, and flashers mounted on top of the barricade are required. All road closures are coordinated through our office. MOT (Maintenance of Traffic Plan) by a certified company might be required. In addition to a County film permit, some roads and bridges might require a permit from the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Off-Duty Police** The Miami-Dade Office of Film and Entertainment coordinates of the hiring of Miami-Dade off-duty police officers for the purpose of a film shoot .Contact the office for further details, 305-375-3288.

**All photo/still shoots that include weapons (faux or real), an altercation or depict an illegal act require off duty Miami-Dade Police.**

**Judicial System** Any County Judicial facility requires an additional signed Hold Harmless Agreement. Permission for filming must be obtained both from the facilities supervisor as well as the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida Director's Office of Government Liaison and Public Relations, All Interior and Courtroom requests require approval from Administrative Judge. Any electrical tie-in requires the hiring of the house electrician. Production will also be required to hire a County designated security guard. The number of security guards required will be determined by the size and scope of your request.

**Residential** We do not permit private homes. However, if a production is utilizing swale areas or congesting a residential neighborhood both a film permit and notification need to be made to the residents affected.

**Special Effects & Pyrotechnics** For film/photo shoot activities in the jurisdiction of the County, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) does require that the permit holder obtain required approval, fire standby & fire permit, as may be required, from MDFR Special Events Bureau prior to the activity. Additional fees for fire permits and personnel apply. **We cannot issue a film permit for any shoot that involves pyrotechnics until we receive an approved burn permit. Please contact our office for more information.**

