General Museum Visit
A Social Story for Solo Adults

I am visiting the Canada Science and Technology Museum. There are many things to see and do inside.
Entrance

I can enter the museum through the doors beneath the large video screen. The entrance will lead me to the admission desk. The museum staff will greet me there.
Buying Tickets

I can buy a ticket at the admission desk. I may have to wait in line. This can be a loud place on busy days.
The staff at the admission desk will give me a map so I can find my way in the museum.
Lockers and Cloakroom

The cloakroom and lockers are around the corner from the admission desk. I may hang my coat in the cloakroom. I may leave my bag in a locker for a fee ($1 coin).
Help

If I have a question, staff wearing a red shirt with a name tag can help me. They can help me find my way or explain something I see in the museum.
Washrooms

I can find washrooms and water fountains near the admission desk. There are also washrooms in other places in the museum. I can use the map or follow the yellow signs to find them.
The hand dryers and flush toilets in the washrooms are noisy.
Food and Drink

If I get hungry or thirsty, I may eat and drink in the Lounge or Café. These are the only places I will eat or drink. But I can also drink water at the water fountains.
I may buy food and drinks at the museum Café. This may be a crowded and noisy place when the museum is busy.
Exhibitions

There are many exhibitions in the museum to choose from. I can visit them in any order. I might not see everything today.

The exhibitions change, so if I have been here before, I might not see all the things that I saw then.
I will also see many objects behind glass or barriers. These are called artifacts. I will help preserve these artifacts by observing them only with my eyes, and keeping my hands to myself.
Viewing Gallery

Almost all the things to see are on the main floor. If I want to see the museum from above, I can go upstairs to the Viewing Gallery. This space is quieter. To get there, I can ride up the elevator or walk up the stairs.
Sound and Volume Levels

Many of the exhibits make noise. On busy days, the crowds make the museum a loud place. If it gets too noisy for me, I can ask at the admission desk to borrow headphones.
I can find a quiet place:

• at the benches outside the *Exploratek*
• in the hallway behind *ZOOOM*
• on the Viewing Gallery upstairs
Lighting

The light levels vary in the different exhibitions. Some spaces are bright, while others are darker.
Some of the exhibits have flashing lights. I might be surprised by these light effects.
Touching

Many exhibits in the museum allow me to touch and operate things.
Emergency Doors

Some doors have a sign that says Emergency Exit. Above them is a green drawing of a person running. I will only open one of those doors if I hear an alarm, see lights flashing above these doors, or hear a staff tell me to use that door.
Demo Stage

At the Demo Stage, I can watch staff do special scientific demonstrations. An information screen outside the space tells me the topics and times of the shows. I may watch different shows throughout the day.
During the Cryo-Genius demo, fog from the dry ice drifts into the first few rows of the audience. This fog is not dangerous. If I am afraid of it, I can sit near the back. I can leave the show at any time.
During the show, I must stay in my seat unless I need to leave.
Exploratek

In the *Exploratek*, I can have fun creating and building things with a variety of materials. This space can be loud and busy. I can ask the staff about the activity of the day and decide if it is something I want to do. I can leave the *Exploratek* whenever I want to.
There are lots of equipment and materials here. I must listen to the staff's instructions before I touch anything.
Seating

If I need a break, I can sit on one of the benches I can find throughout the museum or in the Lounge or Café.
Boutique

I may visit the museum’s boutique to buy a souvenir of my visit.
Exit

When I am ready to leave the museum, I will get any belongings I left in the cloakroom or a locker.
I will leave the museum through the door I used when I arrived.
I had fun today at the museum. I hope to come back soon!
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