

CONSERVATION: OUR ETHICS

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum subscribes to the International Council of Museums (ICOM) Code of Professional Ethics, which states the following concerning conservation and restoration:

"One of the essential ethical obligations of each member of the museum profession is to ensure the proper care and conservation of both existing and newly-acquired collections and individual items for which the member of the profession and the employing institutions are responsible, and to ensure that as far as is reasonable the collections are passed on to future generations in as good and safe a condition as practicable having regard to current knowledge and resources".

We also advocate the ICOM code of ethics with regards to the importance of preventative conservation as being "the precautions taken to prevent change, damage, decay and loss of museum specimens embodied in climate control and physical protection".