

Film and photo permits: General information

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To ensure that public safety is not jeopardised, that travellers are not inconvenienced and that traffic is not adversely affected, you must always apply for a permit prior to taking photographs or filming in the underground. We will be happy to help you apply for a permit to take photos and shoot video, but we ask that you begin by reviewing our rules.

SL has the right but is under no obligation to make space available in the underground for filming and photography. The spaces are made available on a commercial basis, and all film and photo permits are processed by MTR on behalf of SL.

Individuals who wish to photograph or shoot video in SL's settings, for private use, are not required to apply for a permit. They may do so provided that they in no way impact or interfere with daily operations.

News media should always be given the ability to quickly access and photograph/film in the underground settings, and are therefore asked to contact MTR's press office directly on 08-5786 10 20. The press office will be able to immediately notify traffic control centres and other affected parties who need to be informed.

In the case of commercial photography or filming (e.g. for a commercial or feature film), you must apply for a permit through our website. Please note that it takes at least two weeks to process an application.

Rules

Written permission is required in order to take photographs/shoot video in the underground. We will send you a permit once your application is approved.

For commercial purposes: Commercial filming or photography in SL traffic settings is subject to applicable legislation and regulations. Generally, the rules issued by the international Chamber of Commerce (ICC) apply. What this means is that SL environments may not appear in contexts advertising tobacco or alcoholic beverages, or in advertisements that may be perceived as offensive, indecent or hurtful to an ethnic group. Nor may SL environments appear in advertising targeting public transport or in advertising that may be considered to run contrary to good marketing practices.

Nor is it permitted to film or photograph acts of vandalism or graffiti, fare evasion, violence against travellers or personnel, smoking or the use of illegal drugs, or persons using SL services without a valid ticket. Generally, SL and SL's environments must not appear in a context perceived as disturbing or offensive.

The art in the underground: Keep in mind that if you want to film/photograph the art in the underground, you need a permit from both MTR and from the artist or other copyright holder (in order to use the material). Further information is available on SL's website.

Permitted times: On weekdays, filming or photography is only allowed during off-peak hours, i.e., Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The times permitted on weekends are more flexible, and it is usually possible to obtain a permit to film or photograph at any time of day.

Costs

- Half-day of filming or photography: 5,000 SEK excl. VAT*
- Full day of filming or photography: 10,000 SEK excl. VAT*

*In addition to the basic fee, you will be charged for any costs of renting trains, extra personnel and any other expenses.

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If the purpose is to film or photograph for school work or similar, the cost of a full-day permit is 800 SEK, including VAT, upon presentation of a student ID and/or a certificate from the academic institution. This does not include the rental of trains, extra staff, etc., and covers only the filming permit itself.

MTR and SL

MTR took over full responsibility for the planning, operation and maintenance of the Stockholm Underground on 2 November 2009, on behalf of Stockholms Lokaltrafik AB (SL). We see it as our job to make the underground even more attractive to Stockholm residents. The underground is much more than a means of transport – it is a crucial part of what makes Stockholm work.

Our ambition is to contribute to Stockholm's continued development. Improving underground operations is an important part of this effort. Access to housing and good public transport are two of the cornerstones on which the region's future competitiveness will rest.

AB Storstockholms Lokaltrafik (SL) is the generic name and brand of land-based public mass transport in Stockholm County. Trafikförvaltningen (the traffic management authority) on the Stockholm County Council bears overall responsibility for SL traffic. SL owns and maintains all the infrastructure connected to the underground: the stations, depots, workshops, power supply, signalling systems, tracks, and carriages. MTR rents the equipment and facilities. Through Trafikförvaltningen, SL handles a portion of direct customer contact with passengers through its own website, sl.se, and through SL Customer Service.

MTR's mission includes everything required to make the underground's three lines work: traffic control, underground traffic, traffic information, ticket sales, customer service, cleaning trains and stations, and maintaining the vehicle fleet and other equipment.

MTR in the world

MTR Corporation Ltd was established in Hong Kong in 1975, with a mandate to establish and operate an underground railroad system in Hong Kong. Today, MTR transports approximately ten million people each day. Besides its operations in Hong Kong and Sweden, it is also present in London, on the Chinese mainland and in Melbourne, Australia. MTR stands for Mass Transit Railway. MTR was listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange in the year 2000, and continues to be majority-owned by the special Chinese administration that governs Hong Kong. MTR Tunnelbanan is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTR Corporation Ltd (UK). It is headquartered in London and forms part of the global MTR Group.