

Smithsonian Institution  
National Museum of Natural History  
Department of Anthropology

Insurance Requirements for Outgoing Loans

The Department of Anthropology, NMNH, requires that borrowed objects be insured under the Smithsonian’s all-risk, wall-to-wall, fine arts insurance policy, with the cost of the premium billed to the Borrower. Coverage must be in effect from the time the loan leaves Smithsonian property until it returns.

The cost of the premium is based on the total value of the object(s) and the length of the loan. The Anthropology Department will arrange for the insurance coverage and the Smithsonian Office of Risk Management will send the Borrower an invoice for the costs. A copy of the Smithsonian Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the Borrower upon request.

Contractor Insurance

All contractors must have commercial general liability insurance coverage when working on Smithsonian property. Documentation of such coverage must be provided to the Department of Anthropology. Coverage must be in place before a contractor begins any work involving conservation treatment, bracket or mount making, or extensive handling of loan objects.

If you have any questions, please call David Rosenthal at (301) 238-1302.

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