

# Rules for the use of pianos and grand pianos at the Malmö Academy of Music

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## FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Pianos and grand pianos at Malmö Academy of Music are used for both teaching and practising. They are a shared resource that we all have to take care of together.

- Do not move the instruments, they are in a fixed position and moving them around will wear out the floors and leg brackets.
- Always close the lid when you are done playing, as this helps to maintain the tuning.
- Wash your hands before you start practising and wipe the keys afterwards. A slightly damp paper towel is sufficient. Dry with a completely dry one.
- When airing out the room, fold down the music desk and close the lid. Ventilate for short periods of time and open the door to the corridor so that you get proper air circulation.
- If you write in your sheet music and use an eraser, never blow the eraser crumbs into the grand piano. They do a lot of damage inside the instrument, both to the mechanics and to the strings. Lift off the sheet music and shake the eraser crumbs off to the floor instead.
- Extended Techniques are **not allowed**, but may only be done after consulting the Malmö Academy of Music's piano technician and only on a specially designated instrument. In other words, you cannot insert foreign objects between the strings or use tools to make the strings sound. You must also not use your hands or fingers to touch the strings.

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If something is broken, report it immediately. It could be strings that are broken, pedals making noise, or maybe the piano is just out of tune? To report an error, please use Helpdesk.

<https://helpdesk.mhm.lu.se>



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