

Physics Department at the University of Cologne Rules for use of the parent-child room

1. Purpose

The Physics Departments at the University of Cologne have created a more family-friendly environment by making available a parent-child room for its employees. The room is to be used for child care by permitted persons (see paragraph 2) for short-term periods, when other childcare possibilities are unavailable.

The room must be booked in advance: <https://booked.uni-koeln.de/parent-child-room-physics/Web/schedule.php>



2. Permitted Users

All employees at the physics institutes and external staff of associated research groups are permitted to use the room, provided no work-related matters have priority. Furthermore, all physics students are welcome to use the room.

3. Use

Employees may not use the parent-child room if it is already filled to capacity. The room's contents are property of the University of Cologne. All users are obliged to treat furnishings and toys with care. The removal of furniture or other objects is forbidden. Damage is to be reported immediately to Dr. Isabelle Breloy (breloy@ph1.uni-koeln.de).

4. Rules of Use

All guidelines of the University of Cologne building policy also apply to the parent-child room. Children are allowed in the room only in the presence of a parent or an authorized guardian who ensures their care and safety. Parents or children with contagious diseases are forbidden from using the space.

If the parent-child room is to stay a satisfying experience for everyone, it must be carefully maintained. Hence:

1. Shoes must be removed before treading the carpet.
2. After changing diapers, parents and guardians must disinfect the changing table and their hands using the disinfectant wipes and the hand disinfectant.
3. After each use, the room is to be returned to its former state. Dirty dishes are to be washed, used devices are to be cleaned, and the space tidied up. If fabrics become dirty, users are responsible for cleaning them.
4. Dirty diapers must be removed and disposed outside the room.
5. All electric devices and lights must be turned off, windows closed, and the door locked by the last to leave the room.



5. Access

The parent-child room is located in the Institute for Physics II, Zùlpicher Straße 77, 50937 Cologne, Room No. 0.316 (L2.2-01). To obtain a key – the room's door is always locked – you must submit a signed copy of these rules and a completed key authorization form. The necessary forms are available on the websites of the website of the SFB 1601, and at one of the designated key offices (see below).

Frequent use

Persons who need to use the parent-child room regularly for a limited period (while nursing, eg) can receive a temporary key. You will need to deposit € 50,00 for the key. A right to access exists only after registration via the booking system.

Occasional use

Persons who need the room only on occasion can get a key from the secretary of the Institute for Physics II. Contact person is

Carmen Handels, (phone: 0221/470-5829; email: handels@ph2.uni-koeln.de) as representative

Dr. Harald Kierspel, (phone: 0221/4706386; email: kierspel@ph2.uni-koeln.de)

You will need to deposit an ID card or driving license for the key.

6. Supervision, Liability, Ban

The use of parent-child room is at your own risk. The University is liable only in case of gross negligence or intent to violate the legal duty to maintain safety and exercise diligence.

Parents and authorized guardians are liable for all damages that result from failing to adhere to these guidelines, in particular with regard to the room's toys. Users who violate these rules or the University of Cologne building policy may be banned from using the room.

Parents and authorized guardians are responsible for supervising their children, and are liable for damages that result from failing to fulfill this duty. The University of Cologne is not liable for damages that result from parents' or authorized guardians' failing to supervise their children. Moreover, the university is not liable for loss of or damage to objects users bring with them into the parent-child room.

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