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Deaccession and Disposition of Museum Objects and Collections Procedure Criteria (Appendix A)

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In order to request that an accessioned museum object or collection of museum objects be deaccessioned from the University of Alberta's holdings, it must be reasonably demonstrated that one of the following criteria is met:

1. The museum objects or collections have been missing due to loss or theft for two years from the date of the report of the loss or theft;
2. The museum objects or collections are in poor physical condition, whether through accidental damage, vandalism, deterioration, infestation or inherent vice and which are beyond restoration to a level suitable for public display, scholarly use or other appropriate museum or educational purpose;
3. The museum objects or collections are not relevant to the definition and purposes of the registered collection in which they are accessioned, as defined in the collection's *Acquisition Strategy* and *Management Strategy*;
4. The museum objects or collections are not relevant to the definition and purpose of another University of Alberta registered collection;
5. The museum objects or collections are duplicates or multiples, and the retention of them serve no purpose for public display, scholarly use or other appropriate museum or educational purpose;
6. There is little or no documentation on the museum objects or collections, critically reducing the objects' usefulness;
7. It can be shown that one or more identifiable groups have, or an individual has better entitlement to the property than the University of Alberta.

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