

Guidelines for use of the National Flag and the National Anthem

Read the following points and placed the missing words on the line based on what you know about the topic.

Chief of State Protocol at the Office of the Prime Minister, Ambassador Elinor Felix, said the symbols and emblems signify the national goals, values and history and it is important that they are held in high regard.

“It is through these emblems and symbols that we can respect our heritage and commit ourselves to continue the legacy of building and development,” she noted.

As it relates to the **National Flag**, which is one of the most misused emblems, she advised that

- It _____ be allowed to touch the ground or floor and should be used with extreme care.
- It should not be draped _____ vehicles of any sort, except those of the military or police and on State or official occasions.
- Hoisting the flag on _____ vehicles or any other personal item, are just some of the actions that dishonour the emblem and the nation.
- The flag must be replaced when it becomes _____ and should be burnt _____. It must not be used for any purpose other than for which it was designed.
- No other flag should be placed _____ or to the _____ of the Jamaican Flag, except at foreign embassies, consulates and missions.
- The National Flag should never be _____ than any other flag flown at the same time.

Guidelines for the National Anthem

- All persons should stand at attention, (i.e., heels together) at the playing of the National Anthem and men should remove their _____.
- The first verse of the National Anthem should be played or sung as specifically designated on the _____ of the Governor-General or the Prime Minister.
- The National Anthem may be sung or _____ at public gatherings.
- Singing of the National Anthem should form part of the ceremony of raising and lowering of the flag at the _____ and end of term in schools and at Independence celebrations.