Philadelphia Area Nudists MeetUp Group

Event Code of Conduct

Etiquette is defined as a “customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a particular profession or group.” In the nudist community etiquette is paramount in order to foster a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for both seasoned nudists and those new to the lifestyle. Respecting these rules benefits both the unclothed and clothed alike.

PHOTOGRAPHY: NEVER PHOTOGRAPH ANYONE WITHOUT PERMISSION. When finished, put your camera away promptly. Towels may be a nudist’s best friend, but cameras are not. Leave your camera in the car or, better yet, at home. Most cell phones come with a camera nowadays, but please respect your fellow nudist and make an attempt to stay off your phone. It makes people wary and uncomfortable.

Posting Pictures: Even when given permission, NEVER post, share or distribute a picture with others identifiable in the picture without their permission.

RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS: naturism is about freedom and acceptance. All people are welcome regardless of gender, race, nationality, sexual orientation, or marital status. We do not judge anyone for their physical appearance or condition. Treat others as you would wish to be treated.

BEHAVIOR: We promote family oriented adult nudism, which should be wholesome and non-sexual. Sexually suggestive language, dancing or displays of affection, lewd and lascivious behaviors are not appropriate.

BE CONSIDERATE: Let’s have fun and keep it comfortable for everyone. Common courtesy and common sense is the rule. Be nice to everyone and do not do anything that would make others uncomfortable such as unwanted contact, suggestive behaviors and lewd or inappropriate comments.

DRINK RESPONSIBLY: With good planning and a little luck, we will usually have food and adult beverages at events. It’s a party and some may even need “courage” to get nude in front of strangers for the first time but let’s keep it real and party responsibly.

CLOTHING OPTIONAL: Nudity is highly encouraged and sometimes required at our events for the comfort of all. You may be nude, partially nude or clothed.

Please relax and have fun. Our rules are for the safety and comfort of all our members.
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Frequently Asked Questions and Tips

**A towel is a nudist’s best friend!**

**Have Towel – Will Travel.** They are the polite and sanitary way of placing your bottom anywhere. Carry one with you at all times! Have a second one for swimming and showering.

**Haven’t You Ever Heard It’s Not Polite to Stare?** Just as in a clothed setting, staring in a nudist setting is just plain rude. As Betsy Malloy so eloquently stated in her article Nudist Beach Etiquette, “If you want to go to the nudist beach for a thrill, do everyone a favor and buy a magazine instead.”

**No One Needs to Know Victoria’s Secrets.** There will be times at events where clothes are necessary or acceptable such as at bars or restaurants, themed parties and when the weather gets a little too chilly for just wearing your skin. We dress or undress for our own comfort and enjoyment. However, lingerie or other intentionally provocative clothing is not considered appropriate attire nor is walking around in your underwear.

**Get A Room.** Sexual activity has no place in a public setting let alone a naturist event. Holding hands, a hug or even some innocent kissing is fine; but if you feel the need to put on a public display of affection (with someone else or by yourself) get a room. Swingers and open, sexually active folks are welcome in our group but sexual activity at our events is not what we are about.

**The Erection Question.** They happen, but not as much as you might think. So don’t worry. Generally speaking, the more you are in a nudist setting the less it will happen if at all. However, when they do occur, be considerate. Cover up (got that towel handy?), leave the room, whatever you need to do to not be a spectacle. Chill out for a bit and wait until it subsides. Anyone deliberately walking around with an obvious erection is trying to draw attention to themselves and may be asked to leave.

**Body Jewelry.** Generally speaking, body piercings are okay as long as they’re simple and tasteful. Remember, we are not a sexually oriented group and some adornments will make others uncomfortable. It’s not infringement on your personal expression, just consideration for the comfort of others. No one needs to see bling bling on your dingaling.
Children. We love children but it complicates things at most events. Our general rule is no one under the age of 18 may attend our events. However, the policy of a venue such as a nudist resort will be followed for those events. However, some events (i.e. pool party at a personal residence) may permit children. This will be the sole decision of the host and clearly stated in the MeetUp description. Always clarify before bringing the kids. Parents are responsible for their children’s conduct and safety at all times. Adults should not approach or play with unfamiliar children with the permission and presence of their parents.

Pool and Hot Tub Etiquette. Please, unless you are a newbie, no swimsuits or other clothes in the pools or hot tubs. Please take a shower before entering the pool or hot tub.

This may seem like a long list of rules, but when you think of it the same goes for respecting people and their personal boundaries in the clothed world. The queen of etiquette, Emily Post, put it best when she said, “Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.”