

# Etiquette

If you are looking at attending a club, private party, group event or just a dinner date, within the lifestyle there is an expectation that certain etiquette will be followed, we are going to take a look at some of the most popular rules of etiquette from within the lifestyle, by all means this is not a comprehensive list and you must always seek clarification if you are unsure.

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Every club or party will have a set of rules that MUST be adhered to, it is in your interest to ensure you understand and follow these rules to avoid ruining your night or someone else's, these rules are in place to help protect you and other patrons, here is a list of common etiquette at clubs, make sure you familiarise yourself with the rules of each location before attending.

- NO always means NO, Its quite simple if someone is not interested and say NO that is not a sign that you can keep asking or even hope to change their mind, as soon as someone says no or not interested move on!
- Enthusiastic Consent, more and more locations in the lifestyle are employing the need for enthusiastic consent, if someone does not enthusiastically say YES then it's a no, make sure you know and understand what enthusiastic consent means.
- NEVER pressure an individual into a situation, this includes couples where one person is less than excited to be involved, if that is the case DON'T play.
- Always treat, staff, patrons, and your partners with respect!
- Always respect the privacy of others, remember not everyone wants their life choices to be publicised.
- Never take photos in the club, most clubs will have a no phone policy, if they allow phone use you must make sure there is no images of unsuspecting patrons and only those who have given consent may be in the photograph, this includes any persons in the background. Videoing is never allowed.
- Harassment of any nature will not be tolerated.
- Do NOT follow a couple or single around like a bad smell, if you are following or stalking you will be removed from the club.
- No always means NO - Yes, it's here twice for good reason.
- Always ask for consent before touching or moving to a different activity, if someone gives you permission to hug that doesn't equate to touching the ass, always ask consent before moving on.



- ALWAYS ask before slapping, spanking, and making any physical contact, whilst I appreciate it can be hard if there's a nice bum in front of you during sex or just in general you MUST always ask to touch, spank, hit.
- Physical play / BDSM style play should only occur once a trust and understanding of boundaries and limits have been established, if you can't have that conversation don't engage in this style of play, remember not everyone likes it rough, or likes physical contact like slapping, forcing head in etc.
- No solicitation, swingers' clubs are NOT brothels, you are not grunted sex nor can you offer services for financial gain.
- No drugs or illicit substances
- Anyone under the influence will be removed.
- Whilst most clubs are BYO, they still abide by liquor intoxication requirements, no decent person wants to play with a drunk or someone heavily effected by drugs or alcohol.
- Dress Code, know the dress code of a club before attending, dress to impress.
- Personal Hygiene is a must, be well groomed, showered, well dressed, clean, mouth washed and in general good health, nothing kills the mood like bad BO or unhygienic individuals.
- No unwelcomed or uninvited sleezy behaviour.
- PROTECTION – always wear protection, this includes with your partner, whilst at home you may choose to not wear protection out of respect for others make sure you slip on a rubber, unfortunately due to the activities of our lifestyle there is a significant increase in risk of contracting STD's and STI's , wrap up and remember STI's & STD's can be contracted through oral sex, penetrative sex or just exchange of body fluids i.e.: kissing.
  - Change condoms between each location (anal, vagina, mouth)and each person.
  - Place used condoms tied into bins.
  - If it's a back door condom wrap in tissue and take to bin outside the room. No one wants to smell that.
- Stealthing is Illegal and must NOT take place under any circumstances, if for whatever reason the condom breaks or comes off you must immediately stop and advise the individual.
- Have regular STD & STI Checks, sexual heath checks should be a regular part of you routine, we recommend at least every three month and if you are more active more frequently.
- Make sure if part of a couple you are both on the same page. Communication is key. It is always a good idea to have a discussion before attending a club or party, about what your boundaries and rules are. If you are engaging with others make sure you are both on the same page, do not force a situation that you are both not comfortable with and if one member is unhappy.
- DON'T attend a club as a couple after a fight or if your relationship is in a awkward or bad place, swinging will not save your relationship and putting your issues on others is not ok. Make sure you are happy and stable before you attempt to go to a club/ play.



- Rooms:
  - Closed Doors - are NOT to be opened, DO NOT KNOCK, DO NOT ENTER.
  - Chained Doors/ Curtains – You may watch from behind the chain/curtain do NOT reach in and touch or go beyond the chain/curtain.
  - Open Doors – You may enter a room with an open door to watch, you can't touch or engage without explicit consent, you must ask the individual you wish to engage with consent before engaging, remember asking anyone other than the individual you wish to play with doesn't give you consent.
  - Blackout Rooms- Entering these you are giving consent for full interactions, You can say No at all times but most individuals will assume by entering you are giving consent, due to the nature of these rooms often you will not be able to see who is around and therefore are in an environment that makes verbal consent difficult, stray hands and unknown bodies interacting is common. Do NOT enter this room if you are uncomfortable with play.
- Clean up after yourself – whilst most clubs will clean the rooms after your visit, help them out, remove the sheets and pile them along with any towels, remove your empty drink containers and make sure rubbish in bins, if there is items that will create a bad odour remove them from the room immediately and place in an outside bin. Remember whilst it is often the job of staff to clean up, you can show a lot of respect and help make the room ready for the next patrons.
- If you're going to lose fluids, put down towels!! Yes, I'm referring to squirting, please put down towels and do your best to not saturate the mattress, couch or floor remember other people will likely wish to use the room after you and the facility won't be able to quickly switch out mattresses if you soak one and no one wants to play in someone else's wet spot.
- Do NOT ejaculate inside an individual with or without protection,
- Do Not Ejaculate on an individual without permission, not everyone wants to be a landing pad for your swimmers, it's NOT PORN ask first and show respect.
- NUDITY – whilst most locations allow nudity there may be areas within this facility where you must be covered, make sure you are aware of which areas must be clothes, also don't go to the location and expect everyone to be clothed, it's an adult venue with nudity so if you don't like naked bodies its probably not going to be the place for you, if nude and sitting on a couch make sure you put a towel down.
- Public Displays of Affection – Whilst in most location PDOA are allowed there may be some locations that you are not allowed to engage in sex, must areas such as bars of food areas no sex is allowed due to obvious reasons, if engaging is PDOA in public areas make sure you put a towel down and respect the other patrons.
- If attending a private party, show your appreciation to the hosts and make sure you respect that often it is their private residence and that for 5/7 days that's their home.
- Don't cause damage or break items, report any damage immediately to staff/hosts.
- If you are unsure of a situation or have question, ASK!
- Communicate openly and honestly with others.



- If you don't intend on playing or you're not interested be upfront, there is nothing worse than leading a couple or single on.
- If playing you are bi, don't assume the other individual or couple are, always ask before engaging in activities to avoid offending or being disappointed.
- REPORT any unwanted behaviour or Inappropriate behaviour to staff /hosts, NO club wants to get a bad reputation because of sleazy or inappropriate behaviour, and experiencing this will likely turn you off the club so they want you to report it so they can remove the couple or individual.
- Remember its not easy to get approvals to open such locations, do your best to support the owners and provide positive reviews, if you have issues talk with staff to try resolve don't blast it all over your socials, unless they made no attempt to rectify the issues.
- You do NOT have the right to play with anyone! If someone or a couple invites you in that is a private and you need to show respect.
- What happens in the bedroom, club, patio etc should stay there, share your stories but leave out names and don't identify an individual or couple.
- If you are engaging in regular play or know the couple / individual make sure you debrief with them or at least check in on them, this is incredibly important especially where Unicorns are involved. Swing drop happens and we need to keep each other safe.
- Say Thank YOU! Whether that to the hosts, staff, or individuals you have played with, show some appreciation and some old school respect, it goes along way.

Remember we all enjoy different things, don't discredit, or attempt to put people off a location based on your experience, if you don't like a venue move on and find somewhere else but don't bag out a venue as someone else may go there and have the time of their life's, write positive reviews, and recommend the places you like.

*Spread positivity NOT negativity.*

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