

Ontario Community Centers

CODE OF CONDUCT

THE CITY OF ONTARIO SUPPORTS THE RIGHTS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO USE THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTERS ACTIVELY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. THIS CODE OF CONDUCT GOVERNS THE USE OF ALL ONTARIO COMMUNITY CENTERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE CODE IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO USE THE FACILITY IN A PEACEFUL AND SAFE ATMOSPHERE. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF ARE AUTHORIZED TO STOP ANY ACTIVITY WHICH THEY CONSIDER VIOLATES THIS CODE OF CONDUCT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY ACTIVITY HARMFUL TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAFF OR THE OPERATIONS AND ACTUAL FACILITY OF ANY ONTARIO COMMUNITY CENTER. ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY OR PROGRAM OFFERED AT COMMUNITY CENTERS.

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER AND CODE OF CONDUCT

If at any time, the Recreation & Community Services Department cannot create or maintain a safe in-person event or if any federal, state, or local restrictions prevent us from hosting an in-person event, the Recreation & Community Services Department will cancel the in-person component while continuing to offer quality alternative programming.

A COMMUNITY MEMBER ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS WILL BE ASKED TO STOP THE BEHAVIOR, AND MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

- Fighting or threatening harm to another community member or staff
- Being under the influence of drugs and or alcohol
- Behaving in a loud, disruptive, boisterous manner or engaging in conversations that create excessive noise. This includes sexual, racial, or ethnic harassment through comments, words, gestures, or disruption of programs
- Stealing, vandalizing, damaging, or defacing City property or other community members' belongings
- Wearing clothing adorned with sexually suggestive slogans, profanity, lewd pictures, or identifiable with any gang
- Failing to maintain control over personal belongings, blocking or interfering with free passage or creating a hazard, or bringing bicycles, large backpacks, carts, and other bulky items into the community center without approval
- Plugging a device into electric/network communications outlets without approval
- Sleeping in the Community Center
- Bringing in animals other than certified assistive animal
- Misuse of community center furniture or equipment
- Making use of the restrooms for any purpose for which they were not intended
- Entering or remaining in the Community Center barefoot or shirtless, or with poor bodily hygiene, per California Penal Code 370

Community Members are expected to:

- Function on their own or with the assistance of a chaperone. Children under seven years old must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or another adult family member
- Be respectful to others
- Observe all state and local laws, policies, ordinances, and regulations
- Follow policies regarding food and drink in designated areas
- Follow the posted guidelines for the use of public computers
- Be fully clothed when entering and participating at community centers

Minors who cannot follow the code of conduct and safely supervise themselves may be asked to bring a parent or guardian for future visits.

THE ONTARIO SENIOR CENTER IS DESIGNED AND PROGRAMMED FOR ACTIVE ADULTS AGES 50 AND UP. OCCASIONALLY, COMMUNITY MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF 50 WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SPECIAL PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18, IF ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Failure to comply with the **Code of Conduct** of the Ontario Recreation & Community Services Department may result in suspension of privileges and/or temporary or permanent expulsion from Ontario Community Centers, in accordance with Section 5-32.04 of the Ontario Municipal Code. The Ontario Recreation & Community Services Department **Expulsion Policy** provides for a limited right of review or appeal of decisions made by staff under these rules. See the **Expulsion Policy** for details, which is incorporated as part of this Code of Conduct.

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