

## Sunbirds Club Code of Conduct

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This Code of Conduct details what you and every Sunbird can do to keep the Sunbirds the fun, safe and courteous club we all joined.

### Privacy

Sunbirds is a private club, and information about our events and membership must remain within the club. There are Sunbirds whose professional and private lives could be damaged or destroyed by the disclosure of their participation in social nudism. Although we are proud of our club and of social nudism, we understand that non-nudists often have negative perceptions of this simple enjoyment.

Do not give out the name, address or other personal information of a fellow Sunbird without their prior and specific permission. To do so is an invasion of their privacy, and a betrayal of their trust.

Do not distribute or disclose, by any means, any club information such as event details, member names or the like, to non-members. Do not forward, re-post or otherwise distribute club information outside of the club. If your guests need information about an event in order to attend as your guest, send them just the relevant information and do not forward or copy additional details from club e-mails.

You must notify the host/hostess in advance if you will have guests at a function. Make sure you arrive with your guests if possible, or be there early to welcome them when they arrive. Make sure you introduce your guests to the host; it is not fair to the host when unknown persons show up at the door, or if they don't know who's attending their party. Also, don't overwhelm the party by inviting all your friends at once. Please keep the number of guests to a reasonable level (1 or 2 persons) at a party.

It is never polite to take someone's photo without their permission, clothed or unclothed. Always ask for permission before taking any photographs of anyone, and abide by the wishes of the hosts no matter what. The era of digital cameras and the Internet has made this issue particularly sensitive, so be sure you get permission in advance from the hosts and the subjects of your photos before taking pictures.

Our hosts quite reasonably may not want any photos made of their home or grounds even if you have the permission of the people in the pictures, so ask first. And even if you are the host, please don't take photographs without the prior permission of everyone in the frame.

## Polite Behavior

Polite behavior is the norm for Sunbirds and all nudists generally. Our club has a fine class of membership and there is rarely ever a problem; these simple reminders should help keep it that way.

Sexual activity is not welcome at any Sunbirds event, and is not what our club is about. "If it's not yours, don't touch it." None of us object to occasional friendly pecks, hugs, and other signs of friendship, but sexual behavior is not condoned at Sunbird gatherings. We are not concerned with what you do in your non-Sunbird life, but Sunbirds is not a swingers club or a sex club, and we don't want it to gain a reputation as such. Every Sunbirds member and every guest is expected to behave in accordance with this Code of Conduct at all Sunbird events.

No one wants to be the "etiquette police." However, if you observe fellow members or guests conducting themselves inappropriately, or if you are offended by their behavior, we ask you to:

- a. Immediately, and discreetly, call the infraction to their attention or try to resolve the problem yourself.
- b. If you cannot or are uncomfortable doing that, inform the host/hostess so they can correct the situation.
- c. If the host/hostess is unavailable or unapproachable, please inform one of the "senior" members present so that we can take appropriate action.

In any case, please make sure the behavior is addressed as soon as possible. It's impossible to correct inappropriate behavior two or more months after the fact, especially if it's only a rumor that "we heard that so-and-so did this..."

Enjoy adult beverages responsibly. Intoxication is not fun, funny or welcome at any Sunbirds event. If you plan to drink even a little bit too much, do us a favor and stay home.

Sunbirds hosts welcome you into their home as their guests, and they expect their home and property to be treated with care. Do not sit where you're not supposed to, do not litter their yard, home, or pool with your cigarette butts, cups or cans, and do not enter rooms with closed doors. If you smoke, honor your host's wishes regarding where you may and may not, and bring your own ashtray. Help keep things neat during your stay by putting your trash in cans and bins provided. If you have a question, ask. If you're not sure, don't do it!

Be sociable! Sunbirds is foremost a social organization, and the best way to make new friends is to join in the conversations and introduce yourself to people you don't know. Likewise, if you're a Sunbirds old-timer, make it a point to visit with the folks who are visiting for the first time or are new to the club.

Pets are not invited to or welcome at Sunbirds functions unless specifically mentioned in the announcement blurb for the event. Please do not put our hosts on the spot by asking them if you can bring Spot to the party.

All attendees, including guests, are expected to contribute the \$5/couple-\$3/single donation to the kitty to help the host defray party costs, and are expected to contribute to the potluck meal. Of course, you may contribute for your guests if you wish. Even if you arrive late or leave early, you're expected to contribute since the hosts have incurred costs for your attendance.

After your guests have attended two or three Sunbird functions, and provided they agree to abide by this Code of Conduct, we may invite them to become members. Guests who repeatedly attend parties without joining the club are unfairly enjoying the benefits of the club without making a dues contribution to club expenses and without formally agreeing to this Code of Conduct.

#### Poolside Manners

Nudists know that they always put a towel between themselves and anything they sit or lay on, and they always carry a towel with them for this purpose, even if it is to use their own chair or lounge.

Wet towels on indoor furniture don't mix, so bring an extra towel to dry off with if you plan to sit on indoor furniture after a splash in the pool or a soak in the hot tub. Use your dry towel to sit on when you go indoors.

Shower, hose or towel off your sunscreen or tanning lotion before entering the pool or hot tub. Nobody likes an oily ring around the pool or tub!

Cans and plastic bottles are the safest containers for your drinks around the pool or anywhere there are barefooted Sunbirds (which is everywhere!). If your favorite refreshment is only available in glass bottles, please transfer it to a plastic cup or use a Neoprene "bottle condom" cover. No glass in or around the pool, please! Anything made of glass in or near the pool or deck is always a safety risk, and one broken bottle in a pool or hot tub can end a day's enjoyment for everyone in an instant.

Make sure your cooler is easy to differentiate from those of your fellow club members. It helps avoid mix-ups over grabbing stuff from the wrong cooler or taking the wrong cooler home when the party's over!

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