



**INSURANCE BOARD**  
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# Insurance Board Presents: **Code of Conduct for Participants in Protest & Civil-Action Events**

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# Purpose

*This Code of Conduct promotes a safe, respectful, and peaceful environment for everyone participating in or affected by the event. By attending, you agree to uphold these principles for the well-being of the community and the success of the event.*

## 1. Core Principles

All participants agree to:

- Always remain peaceful.
- Respect others' rights and safety.
- Follow all local laws and lawful instructions from event marshals or officials.
- Act with integrity, kindness, and accountability.
- Protect the dignity and safety of fellow participants, bystanders, and community members.

## 2. Expected Conduct

Participants should:

- Stay calm, patient, and courteous—especially in crowded or tense situations.
- Keep pathways, emergency routes, and building entrances clear.
- Carry themselves in ways that reflect non-violence and mutual respect.
- Follow any event-specific guidelines provided by organizers or marshals.
- Look out for one another, especially children, elderly individuals, and those with disabilities.
- Report any safety concerns, medical needs, or escalating situations to event marshals immediately.
- Use inclusive, respectful language toward all.
- Help maintain a welcoming environment for people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs.



## 3. Prohibited Conduct

To ensure the safety and legality of the event, participants must not:

- Engage in violence, aggression, or verbal or physical threats.
- Participate in harassment, intimidation, or discriminatory behavior of any kind.
- Bring weapons or items prohibited by local laws or event rules.
- Damage property or encourage others to do so.
- Interfere with emergency services or block emergency access routes.
- Engage with counter-protesters in a confrontational manner.
- Use hate speech, slurs, or inflammatory language.
- Misrepresent themselves as event organizers, marshals, or officials.
- Wear or use clothing/items intended to obscure identity if prohibited by local laws.

## 4. Photography, Recording & Media Etiquette

Participants agree to:

- Respect others' privacy and safety when taking photos or videos.
- Honor requests from individuals who do not wish to be recorded.
- Do not record minors without parental/guardian consent.
- Do not interfere with media or event operations while filming.

Organizers may provide additional guidelines related to press zones or consent.

## 5. Interacting with Law Enforcement & Officials

Participants should:

- Stay calm and respectful in any conversation.
- Follow lawful instructions without argument on-scene.
- Ask respectfully, "Am I free to leave?" if the situation is unclear.
- Avoid actions that could be misinterpreted as threatening or obstructive.

## 6. Interacting with Counter-Protesters

To protect everyone's safety and the integrity of the event:

- Do not engage in arguments or confrontations.
- Maintain distance and avoid verbal exchanges.
- Notify marshals immediately if tensions escalate.
- Continue moving with your group or follow marshal directions.

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## 7. Safety, Health & Accessibility

Participants commit to:

- Staying hydrated and aware of weather conditions.
- Using sidewalks and designated walking routes.
- Following event-provided accessibility paths or alternatives.
- Seeking help immediately for anyone showing signs of distress or medical need.

## 8. Children & Youth

If attending with minors, participants agree to:

- Always supervise them closely.
- Keep them away from congested or high-tension areas.
- Prepare them in advance for noise, crowds, and movement.

## 9. Personal Responsibility

Participants are responsible for:

- Their own conduct and decisions at the event.
- Knowing their physical limits and stepping away if overwhelmed.
- Bringing only permitted, appropriate items.

Complying with local laws, event rules, and safety protocols.

## 10. Consequences for Violations

Organizers may:

- Ask individuals to leave the event.
- Notify authorities if safety is at risk.
- Close or modify the event route if necessary to protect participants.

The purpose of consequences is **safety**, not punishment.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By participating, you affirm that you:

- Understand and agree to follow this Code of Conduct
- Will act in good faith to protect the safety and dignity of all persons
- Will support a peaceful, lawful expression of ideas

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Admin Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer:** This Code of Conduct is intended for general guidance only and does not constitute legal advice. Event organizers reserve the right to interpret and enforce these guidelines at their discretion and to update them as needed.