

GrownUps Discussion Rules

The following rules apply to posts in all GrownUps Discussion Forums.

(Updated 2nd August 2012, all rules applicable from this date onwards)

Violation of rules will result in one warning and the deletion of the offending comment. Further violation may result in either a suspension (usually for a period of 2 weeks) or being banned from GrownUps altogether. The rules can and will be updated at any time; any new rules are effective immediately. It is your responsibility to read and follow all rules on this website and forum, ignorance is NOT a valid excuse.

Note: These rules are in addition to the [terms of use](#) you agreed to upon registering. Final say and interpretation of these rules for specific instances rests with the GrownUps Administrators (Admin).

Be Civilised:

We expect everyone to behave in a manner that shows tolerance & respect toward others. We would like GrownUps to be a positive environment for all users in the community.

While don't mind a bit of good natured ribbing or friendly jesting please be aware that the person you are teasing may find it more insulting than you intended. Use a bit of common sense here and limit any teasing to well-known friends. If a [complaint is lodged](#) with Admin then we may interpret the post as it was received rather than how it was intended.

We enjoy a good sense of humour but we do ask you to be respectful as well. Please think about what you are saying before you say it – there are people of varying backgrounds and social demographics on this site, you should act accordingly. We will not tolerate any behaviour that we deem to be out of line, including racism and other discrimination.

If you have a problem with the behaviour, tone, or comments of someone, assume the best and ask clarifying questions before making accusations. Most conflicts could be resolved this way, long before people start getting snarky. Seek understanding; do not jump to criticism.

Do not create offensive, vulgar, obscene, threatening, abusive or excessively profane posts. Do not instigate, engage in, or encourage 'flame wars'. If you insult someone "jokingly", be prepared that Admin may not interpret it that way. A good general rule is to "criticise ideas, not people."

Do Not Post Trolls / Ads / Spam / Get-rich-quick Schemes / etc:

Do not make posts that are inflammatory just to get people riled up. Advertising may be allowed in *certain circumstances*; [ask Admin privately](#) before posting. If a post is mostly just an ad for another website, it will likely be removed.

In general, post if you have something to say. If you want to start a new thread, make it worthwhile. Do not be lazy and give a single sentence "What do you think about X?" post. At least explain your position; state why you're asking. Make it interesting to read and you are more likely to get quality responses.

You Are Responsible For What You Write:

Individual members are solely responsible for their content. Do not give out your login details or pass on contact information, even your own, in a public forum. You will be held accountable for any post made from your account. If your account has been hacked for any reason then notify Admin immediately and update your password details.

GrownUps will not encourage any illegal activity. Specifically, do not solicit to violate copyright law, publish personal information or slanderous statements, or partake in any other activity that may violate someone's privacy. Threats against another person will be taken seriously.

Anything You Post Should Be Your Own Work:

It is great to link to relevant content and information that you believe supports your post. We encourage you to do that as it makes a far more persuasive argument. However, we insist that you observe the rules of copyright and fair use: you may quote only limited excerpts from other people's work, with attribution. If you want to point to something beyond an excerpt, provide a link. Do not copy and paste another person's work in its entirety.

Respect Others' Privacy:

Do not post e-mails or other private correspondence in public forums. Do not make private information about other users, public. Do not take avatar or other graphics and use them as your own, or as the basis for your own, without permission.

Admin Has The Final Say:

Admin reserves the right to edit, relocate and/or remove any message, at any time, for any reason. Consider all editing decisions final. If you do not agree with a decision, you may discuss it with the [Admin Team in private](#). Under no circumstance attempt to start a 'debate' about specific moderation decisions in a public forum.

Participating in this site is a privilege, not a right - and everyone's co-operation and adherence to the above rules is an absolute necessity. If you encounter users/messages violating these rules, please report it to GrownUps Admin via the "[Admin Discussion](#)" or via [Feedback email](#).

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Thank you for observing these rules and making the GrownUps Discussions an interesting, fun and safe place to visit.

You can [download these Discussion Rules here](#).