

# Now You Are 18

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Public behavior, group etiquette,  
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# Now that you are an Adult

- YOU HAVE TO ACT LIKE ONE!  
PEOPLE HAVE EXPECTATIONS!
- Public behavior
- Work site behavior
- Social situations
- Living situations

# Why is good public behavior important?

We want people to think well of us  
and want to be around us!

# Private and Public Places

## Private Places



## Public Places



# Appropriate behavior in public and private

## Private

- Getting dressed and undressed
- Using the restroom
- Picking anything – (nose, teeth, fingers, ears)
- Bodily noises
- Brushing your teeth
- Sleeping
- Self talk
- Sexual acts

## Public

- Walking / Sitting
- Shaking hands
- Hygiene
- Going to the restroom with the door closed
- Wearing modest clothing
- Covering up with a towel after shower
- Never expose your privates

# Public places include:

- Job site or School
  - Restaurants
  - Stores/ Mall
  - Parks
  - Stadiums/ event centers
  - Street/ sidewalk
  - Public transport / bus/ trains/ airplanes
  - Buildings
  - Medical centers/ doctors / dentist office/ hospital
  - Church
  - Any place where people congregate!
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- BEWARE THE PRIVATE LOCATION with PUBLIC PEOPLE  
Friend or family hosting a party at home!

# Appropriate Public Restroom Behaviors



# Eating with others

- If you have terrible manners, people won't want to eat with you!
- What are good table manners?
  - Waiting to be served
  - Pacing the meal
  - Eating neatly
    - Wiping your mouth
    - Chewing with your mouth closed
    - Using eating utensils
  - Putting it all together
  - DON'T BE THESE GUYS! [VIDEO](#)





# Living with a Roommate

- Things to consider
  - Groceries
  - What stuff is not communal
  - Cleaning
  - Pets
  - Bills
  - Friends “crashing for a while”



# Roommates

- Roommate Etiquette
  - Clean up after yourself
  - Be considerate
  - Make your roommate feel comfortable
  - Ask permission
  - Respect your roommate's feelings
  - Address problems head on
  - Accept that you may not become friends
  - Use a little sympathy



# Free Renting 101 Course

- Renting 101 is an in-depth online education course designed to help first-time renters select, lease, and live responsibly in rental housing.
  - Decide whether renting is the right choice for you
  - Pick up valuable tools and tips to help make your renting experience easy and even fun
  - Understand the rental process
  - Save time and potentially even money with what you learn
  - Learn at your own pace, online
  - Receive a customized rental blueprint to use during your housing search
  - Absolutely free



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# Disturbing the Peace

- Disturbing the peace charges AKA disorderly conduct
- Criminal offense punishable by jail time and or fines
- Examples of disorderly conduct
  - Fighting or challenging a fight in public
  - Using offensive words in public
  - Shouting in public intending to incite violence
  - Intentionally playing loud music during the night
  - Public intoxication



# Disturbing the Peace

- What can you do if you are a victim?
  - Ask them to stop the behavior if they are a neighbor or someone you know
    - If the situation escalates, remove yourself immediately
    - **Never** contact the individual if you feel physically threatened or in potential harm
  - Contact the police
    - A person who disrupts the peace is often given a fair warning by the police
    - Police involvement may stop the disruptive behavior altogether

# How do you handle disagreements

- With neighbors
  - Communicate directly
  - Talk time to calm down
  - Keep records of conversations
  - Take pictures if possible
  - As a last resort, take them to court
- With landlords?
- With random people?

# Job Site Behaviors

- SOCIAL SKILLS and MANNERS!
- Handling sensitivities, communication and related behaviors crucial for success
- Work place appearance, conduct, behavior and attitude
- Being a team player & working in groups
- Problem solving with peers and supervisor hierarchy (handling constructive criticism, embarrassing feedback)
- Identifying behaviors that may impede progress WWOT Moments – What Would Others Think????
- Increasing versatile thinking
- Managing time, anxiety, commitments and deadlines
- THE OFFICE FRIDGE ([Video](#))

# Social Get-Togethers

- You got invited!
- GET INVITED BACK!
- Be a mannered guest
- It's NOT your property!
- Bring a host(ess) gift?
- Clean up after yourself!
- Thank you upon leaving ( thank you note)



# Recap of Now You Are 18

## 1. Rights and Responsibilities that Confer on the 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday

- Voting
- Jury Duty
- IDs and Driving
  - SSA
- Marriage

## 2. Legal Charges, The Legal System

- Intentions and Interpretations
  - District Courts
  - Courts of Appeal
  - Supreme Court
- Felony Vs Misdemeanor

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## 3. Contracts

- Leases
- Financial Contracts
- Cons and Scams

## 4. Reputation and Social Media

- Cyber Safety
- Cyber Bullying
- Dangers of Certain Online Behaviors

## 5. Employment

- ADA/AA
- To Disclose or Not to Disclose
- Employee and Employer's Rights
  - Resume

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