

San Diego Contra Dance Conduct Policy

San Diego Contra Dance strives to create a culture of **safety, respect** and **consent** in our dance community. To support this we teach and promote appropriate and safe dancing. Anyone and everyone who would like to attend is welcome.

[Dance etiquette](#) and our policy about personal conduct require dancers to act respectfully toward everyone they encounter at the dance. Inappropriate or unsafe behavior will not be tolerated. Some examples might include, but are not limited to:

- Dancing too close or not respecting the personal space of others
- Rough dancing, such as using too much strength, forcing a turn or swinging too fast
- Dipping or lifting your partner without consent or consideration for others
- Rudeness such as ordering people, or pushing them into place
- Intoxication
- Stealing and malicious destruction of property
- Harassment, stalking, or inappropriate touching
- Violence or bullying of any sort (e.g. verbal, sexual)
- Possession of firearms, other weapons, alcohol and illegal drugs in or around the dance venue

Thank you for respecting this Code of Conduct and doing your part to maintain our joyful, safe, and respectful community. If you are comfortable addressing any behavior or concerns yourself, please feel free to and know you will be supported in doing so. If you wish to have help, or your concerns are more serious, please speak directly with any dance committee member, the dance manager, or the person who made announcements. You may also bring a concern to our attention [by contacting us here](#). **We reserve the right to expel anyone who does not choose to meet our guidelines and act within the limits of good behavior. Any warning about unacceptable behavior needs to be taken seriously.**

Do you have questions about our contra dance? Have suggestions for improvement? Please [contact us here](#). If you've experienced an uncomfortable or inappropriate interaction, please [let us know here](#)—or speak to a committee member, caller, or manager at a dance. It is our sincere hope that all dancers will feel welcome and safe. We wish for everyone to have a good time and practice good behavior.

This policy adapted by San Diego Contra Dance Ad Hoc Conduct Policy Committee from the [Ottawa Contra Dance Code of Conduct](#) and the [CDSS General Behavior Policy](#)

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