

CODE OF CONDUCT

This policy is intended to make participants feel welcome and to provide reasonable rules of behavior for the benefit of all participants. The Town of Tiverton provides the majority of the funding for programs and services for the Tiverton Senior Center.

The Tiverton Senior staff may require a member/participant to leave the premises and/or the senior bus, call police or ultimately ban an individual for noncompliance with this Code of Conduct.

The Tiverton Senior Center is accessible to all individuals with and without disabilities; with a commitment to serving the needs of Tiverton seniors age 55 and older and residents with disabilities. For safety and legal considerations, we must set some limitations on the physical and behavioral standards required for attendance. This involves all persons participating in our services; including the meal site, programs and transportation.

Independence & Hygiene: Participants are expected to provide their own personal care including hygiene, toileting, continence and feeding. Participants are expected to be capable of planning their own activities. Those with special needs and/or limited capabilities, whether mental or physical, may need to bring a caregiver adult or personal care attendant with them to provide the special assistance that is necessary. The Tiverton Senior Center is not responsible for providing assistance with medication, personal care and medical care. Any person whose bodily hygiene is offensive as to constitute a nuisance and/or a health hazard to others shall be required to leave the Tiverton Senior Center.

Dress: Appropriate shoes or sandals, shirts, pants/shorts/skirts etc. must be worn in the Tiverton Senior Center. No open toe/flip-flops are allowed when working in the kitchen. Any writing on clothing must be free of profanity.

Behavior: Politeness, respect, consideration and cooperation are expected at all times. Participants are expected to avoid causing disturbances or disruptions, be respectful of others, show respect for building facilities and personal property of others and leave the areas they've used in a clean state.

Language & Abuse: Profanity and/or any abuse will not be tolerated. Intimidation and harassment will also be reasons for temporary suspension and/or permanent expulsion. Inappropriate or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

These rules apply to the Tiverton Senior Center, Tiverton meal site and the senior bus. Possible reasons for temporary suspension and/or permanent expulsion include but are not limited to:

- Abuse (physical, mental, sexual, financial, verbal) of peers, volunteers and staff
- Profane language, intimidation or threats of harm
- Inappropriate or disruptive behavior (exposing oneself)
- Health hazards including but not limited to illness, personal hygiene, no smoking regulations (prohibited within 50 feet of Center's building))
- Disregard of or refusal to comply with Tiverton Senior Center's Code of Conduct

Bus passengers are required to wear seatbelts