

# EMOMS

## Website Code of Conduct

### Introduction

As part of Eastside Mothers of Multiples (EMOMs) commitment to making this website a forum for interaction, discussion and dissemination of related information we ask that you agree to abide by our Code of Conduct. Your commitment to this Code of Conduct in all of the website areas ensures a positive experience for all our users.

You must be a current member of EMOMs to have access to the member website. We reserve the right to terminate your access to the website for non-renewal of membership, violation of the code of conduct or any other inappropriate use of the website, or at the discretion of the website manager or Executive Board.

### Respect Others

We encourage everyone to treat each other with mutual respect. Please do not flame, this includes being rude, hostile, or otherwise unfriendly. Refrain from all expressions of bigotry, racism, hatred, or profanity.

Message boards/forums are not intended to be a forum for debate or even for friendly conversation between two individuals. Members must use good judgment to determine when it is more appropriate to take their discussion offline. However, there will be times when club related issues are brought to the forums for open discussion. We ask that members always be courteous, restricting comments to the issue at hand, rather than directing them at another member or her communication style.

EMOMs may eject or ban users, as well as remove postings, that violate this Code of Conduct.

### Keep it legal and safe

EMOMs does not allow any illegal activities. You cannot use this forum area to publish, post, distribute, or disseminate defamatory, infringing, obscene, or other unlawful material or information. Items may be deemed as offensive based solely on the opinion of the website manager and/or the EMOMs board.

Do not upload or download files or post or forward messages that contain photos, software or other material protected by intellectual property laws, rights of privacy or publicity or any other applicable law unless you own or control the rights thereto or have received all necessary consents. EMOMs is not responsible for any use of anything you say or post.

Do not post any materials (including software and other information) that could harm (or is designed to harm) other users' computers or would allow others to inappropriately access software or Websites.

### Commercial Uses

Spam. Please don't spam. Spam includes sending identical and irrelevant submissions to many different individuals, discussion groups, mailing lists or communities. Usually such postings have

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nothing to do with the particular topic of the group or are of no real interest to those reading the postings. However, spam may also include any unauthorized solicitation to the membership. To spam also includes misrepresenting the source of anything you say or post. Spamming is a serious violation of online etiquette.

EMOMS reserves the right to ban a user at any time, without notice, for spamming.

Advertising. This website will only permit commercial posts of EMOMS members' companies, with full disclosure of what the company is, products, contact information and other information deemed appropriate. EMOMS does not endorse these companies or their products and services. This website is not intended to be the primary means of conducting business, but rather a chance to inform other members of what you have to offer. Posts must be made only in the marketplace area (Member Businesses list) of the website.

Recommendations and Referrals. All unsolicited recommendations and referrals must be placed on the permanent [Recommendations](#) pages. When you have a positive thought about a business or product, take a moment to post your recommendation. These are NOT discussion boards and do not age down the stack. This is your first place to check when you are looking for a recommendation for anything... products, services, etc. Do not post a recommendation on the permanent pages and then also post a note on the message boards referring members to the new posting on the permanent pages.

If you check the permanent [Recommendations](#) pages and do not find what you are looking for, the recommendations are too old, or there are not enough in the area you desire, then you may post a Request for a Recommendation on the [RecommendationQs](#) discussion board.

If you are responding to a specific request for recommendations -- please feel free to post your response onto the RecommendationsQs message board AND please post your recommendation onto our permanent Recommendations pages. This will keep our recommendations there fresh and pertinent. Over time, people will be able to find what they need on the permanent Recommendations pages and we should see a decline in the traffic we are currently seeing on recommendation requests.

Classified Ads. EMOMS members are allowed to place "for sale" and "wanted" ads on the Classified Ad Message Board. These ads can include, but are not limited to, household items, adult and children's items. Ads may also include large personal items such as vehicles, appliances, furniture, and even houses for sale. The Website Manager, board members, or their designees reserve the right to delete ads that they feel are offensive to the general membership or which they otherwise deem as inappropriate. Messages may be posted only in the one message board (Classifieds). As a courtesy to our members that receive messages individually in email inboxes, members are requested to include numerous sale or wanted items within one posting whenever possible. Members may wish to promptly delete ads after items are sold in order to avoid additional inquiries.

Charitable Contribution and Fund Raiser Requests. Please do not post requests for donations or support for your charitable organization - or fund raisers for your special interest group. Any such postings (with the exception of EMOMS Benevolent committee) must be pre-approved by the EMOMS board.

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Warnings/Viruses. Do not send, forward or otherwise post "warning" messages on the website that have been received through email without first receiving permission from one of the website administrators/managers. Website managers will check various resources to determine if the warning message is a hoax or is a legitimate issue of possible concern to the membership prior to granting permission for the item to be posted or disseminated.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in deletion of the post and suspension of the member's website access.

### **Housekeeping**

Please be careful to post messages into the appropriate message board. Classifieds, for example, must be posted only to the Classified Board. All messages may be placed on only one message board - no duplications are allowed. Messages posted incorrectly (i.e. duplicates, wrong location) will be deleted.

### **Privacy**

Members agree to comply with our full privacy statement. Use of personal information provided to the general membership for any external marketing purpose is strictly prohibited. Further, members agree that they will not sell or forward members' information to anyone outside of EMOMs for any reason unless the member whose information is being shared specifically authorizes the sharing of their personal information in advance. By joining EMOMs, members agree to the terms of this privacy statement. The club membership of persons violating this policy will be permanently revoked.

Members must employ good judgment in determining if it would be acceptable to forward messages authored by another member - with the general expectation being that you do not forward messages without the express permission of the original author.

### **Take responsibility**

You are responsible and liable for all your activities while participating in the website. Remember, you are responsible for anything you say or post.

**EMOMs reserves the right to remove at any time, without notice, any posting that violates this Code of Conduct.**

Some forum users may post Internet website links in their post. Please be advised that EMOMs is not responsible for the content of these websites, and holds no association with the links you may view. Some content and links on the Internet may be objectionable. As such, any such link will be removed.

You are responsible for any actions you may take based on advice or information you receive online. Use your own good judgment when evaluating information provided through any website area. The decision to conduct transactions with anyone is your own and you should conduct your own research prior to making any decisions.

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### **Uphold the Code**

In helping to make this forum area a place for communication and networking, we ask that you must do your part to uphold this Code of Conduct. Since the forums are not moderated, it is possible that violations of the code may not be noticed by the managers of the website. Managers will make every effort to identify and address code violations. However, if you notice a violation that has not been addressed (i.e. the message has not been deleted or responded to), please bring the violation to the attention of a website manager. Please do not use the flawed logic of, "I saw many other examples on the website (of messages that violated some aspect of the Code of Conduct) so I thought this type of posting was okay."

EMOMs reserves the right to immediately terminate or suspend access to anyone for violations of our Code of Conduct.

EMOMs also reserves our right to amend or change the Code of Conduct at any time without notice. You agree to periodically review this document to ensure you are doing your part.

Thank you for following this Code of Conduct and joining the EMOMs website!