

# The CivicMark Charter

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By participating in spaces and experiences that display the CivicMark, we agree to these basic principles:

1. Great things happen through open exchange - Constructive dialogue creates progress and understanding.
2. We can disagree without being enemies - Different opinions are normal and healthy.
3. Words are not violence - Even offensive speech is not the same as actual violence.
4. No promoting violence - Never encourage or celebrate harming others.
5. Attack ideas, not people - Criticize what someone says, not who they are.
6. Anyone can walk away - You can leave any conversation or situation you don't like.
7. Good faith first - Assume others mean well unless they clearly show otherwise.
8. Being offended doesn't make you right - Uncomfortable feelings don't win arguments.
9. Don't share people's private information - Respect privacy regardless of disagreements.

The Simple Promise: "I won't promote violence. I'll engage with ideas, not attack people. I understand others will disagree with me, and that's okay."

The CivicMark applies to online spaces, in-person events, and anywhere people gather to connect and exchange ideas. People or organizations can use this charter as a basis and add their own rules on top.