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Guidelines For New Folks

One of the hardest things for me when I first "came out" into the community was not knowing what the basic protocols were. Along the way, we put together the following guidelines which we share with newbies who ask our advice:

1. Accept everyone for who/what they are. You do not have to interact with anyone you do not wish to but you can never be judgmental.
2. Do not ask questions of anyone regarding their personal information, actual name, employer, etc. If they wish you to know this they will volunteer it. And NEVER, EVER, "OUT" ANYONE.
3. Do not ever discuss private play information with anyone that is not actually involved in the scene, including plans for or discussions about a potential scene, UNLESS YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN IT IS OK WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED. This also applies to public play for some people when it comes to discussing details of the scene. When in doubt, don't.
4. Never introduce religion or politics into the lifestyle in any way.
5. Ask for and understand the established rules/protocol for any club or private party you attend for the first time and respect them.