
Approach with Respect

About this Community

Approach with Respect is a playbook for starting conversations with someone you're interested in—whether that's in a café line, at a local meetup, during a class on campus, or even in a direct message online.

It's about creating a positive moment for both people, not just making an introduction.

We focus on three core principles:

Read the room—and the person. Notice body language, facial expressions, and whether the other person seems open to being approached. Respect personal space and pace; sometimes the best approach is no approach at all.

Ask for consent, however small. This could mean starting with a light, non-invasive question, or simply asking if it's a good time to talk. The goal is to give the other person a comfortable option to say yes—or no—without pressure.

Accept “no” with grace. A polite decline isn't a personal attack—it's information. Thank...

Sample Rules / Principles

• Practice and Feedback

Use roleplay with friends to build comfort. Reflect on feedback and adapt your approach over time. Rationale and Boundaries: “Practice and Feedback” clarifies expectations so members can navigate dating confidently...

• Safety for Yourself

Share plan with a friend when meeting new people. Know your boundaries and communicate them clearly. Rationale and Boundaries: “Safety for Yourself” clarifies expectations so members can navigate dating confidently...

• Graceful Exit and Rejection

Thank them for their time, wish them well, and disengage. No sulking or retaliation. Rationale and Boundaries: “Graceful Exit and Rejection” clarifies expectations so members can navigate dating confidently while...

• Alcohol and Substances

Do not use alcohol as social lubrication to press boundaries. Consent requires clarity. Rationale and Boundaries: “Alcohol and Substances” clarifies expectations so members can navigate dating confidently while...



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