

AUTISM SOCIETY CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Autism Society National Conference is open to all. A unique feature of this conference is the blending of perspectives and mutual learning of various individuals, loved ones and professionals who comprise the autism community. Participants should be respectful of each other; each attendee must ensure that their interactions make other attendees feel safe, respected and valued in an environment focused on learning and networking.

All attendees, speakers, sponsors and volunteers at our conference are required to agree with our Code of Conduct. The Autism Society will enforce this code throughout the event.

The Autism Society is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, or religion. We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form. Conference participants violating these rules may be expelled from the conference without a refund at the discretion of Autism Society.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to, offensive verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately.

If a participant engages in harassing behavior, the Autism Society may take any action they deem appropriate, including expulsion from the conference with no refund.

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of the Autism Society immediately. Autism Society staff can be found by going to the conference registration booth where Autism Society staff will be called. The Autism Society staff will take appropriate and needed action to address any instances of harassment.

We expect participants to follow these rules at all Autism Society conference venues and conference-related social events.*

MEETING POLICIES

Please set your cell phone to vibrate or silent mode during sessions. The distraction of incoming calls/texts can be significant for our speakers and attendees. Please do not carry on private conversations during educational sessions. Remember that the national conference is an exchange of ideas, and at times debate can and will occur; keep that debate professional and mature.

Participants have always been welcomed to bring their younger children to the national conference and into sessions, but if the child is creating a situation that is not conducive to learning, the participant should excuse him or herself from the education session and see to the needs of their child.

Enjoy yourself and make the most of your time here – you will gain much from our speakers, exhibitors and other attendees, so take full advantage of every opportunity to network and learn.