# Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct

Adopted by Extension's Governing Board May 16, 2000

As an Extension volunteer, I will:

* Represent Extension with professionalism, dignity and pride, and be responsible for conducting myself with courtesy and appropriate behavior.
* Follow through and complete accepted tasks.
* Conduct myself in a respectful manner, exhibit good sporting conduct and be a positive role model.
* Seek training for my volunteer role by participating in meetings, self-study or other training opportunities to help me work more effectively with appropriate audiences.
* Display respect and courtesy for Extension employees, other volunteers, program participants, visitors, clients and property.
* Provide a safe environment by not harming youth or adults in any way, whether through discrimination, sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful actions.
* Respect the privacy of persons served by the organization and hold in confidence sensitive, private and personal information. (Reports of child abuse or neglect will be handled as per Nevada law and Extension and University policy. See [Extension's Resources for Volunteers](http://extension.unr.edu/volunteers.aspx)[[1]](#endnote-1) and the [University Policy on the Protection of Children](https://www.unr.edu/administrative-manual/7000-7999-miscellaneous/7002-policy-on-the-protection-of-children)[[2]](#endnote-2).)
* Keep Extension staff informed of progress, concerns and problems within the program(s) in which I participate.
* Work cooperatively as a team member with Extension employees and other Extension volunteers.
* Respect and follow Extension policies, along with specific county policies and program expectations.
* Keep personal opinions and actions separate from those made as a representative of this organization.
* Avoid conduct, both on and off duty, that would jeopardize program effectiveness.
* Promote and support Extension in developing effective local, county, state and national programs.

## And, as an Extension volunteer, I will not:

* Use vulgar or inappropriate language.
* Solicit gratuities, gifts or bequests for personal or professional benefit.
* Use or be under the influence of illegal drugs.
* Consume or be under the influence of alcohol or consume tobacco at youth events.
* Discriminate (see the [University Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment](https://www.unr.edu/eotix/policy-against-discrimination-and-sexual-harassment)[[3]](#endnote-3)).

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1. http://extension.unr.edu/volunteers.aspx [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
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