

# Let's TALK Tucson Community Standards (Full Version)

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## Websites & Contact Information

**B:** [https://fetlife.com/Starbase13\\_Cmdr](https://fetlife.com/Starbase13_Cmdr)

**V:** [https://fetlife.com/Starbase13\\_XO](https://fetlife.com/Starbase13_XO)

**Let's TALK (Fet):** <https://fetlife.com/groups/305263>

**Let's TALK (web):** <https://www.letstalktucson.com/>

## Why We're Here

We created TALK Tucson as an independent community where queer, kinky and kink-curious people can have honest, open and informative discussions about kink and kink-related topics.

Our primary goals are education, discussion and building a community for people who are “different”.

## What We Are Not

Please understand that this is an open social event, not a “hook-up” group.

- You don't owe anyone any information or action
- No one owes you any information or action

If anyone makes you uncomfortable, please inform one of the moderators. This can be done either in person or via email. Contact information can be found at the beginning of this document.

## Age Limit

All attendees must be 18+.

## Attendance is Free

We do not charge any entrance fee for these discussions. However, the Celestia Collective has been very generous with their terms for using this space. If you like what you see, please consider purchasing coffee and / or a treat.

## Politics & Tolerance

This is intended to be a safe space for everyone **except fascists & bigots:**

- If you support the current administration, it's time for you to leave, NOW
- Do NOT come back unless and until you are willing to explain why you changed your mind

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## Terminology

As a result of the ongoing evolution of the queer acronym (LGBTQQIP2SAA, LGBDTQUIAP2SNBGD+, LGBDTQUIAPN+, etc.) we use the label “queer” in it’s broadest sense: as an umbrella term for any and all non cishet identities.

## Participation is a Privilege, Not a Right

We are working to build a space that is welcoming and encouraging to everyone. Unfortunately, some people fall short of these ideals.

The moderators reserve the right to restrict the participation of persons who cannot meet these standards.

## We Are 1000% Woke

Human sexuality is (and always has been) political. We want a society where everyone can be who they are without fear of disdain, intimidation or violence. Specifically, we support all:

- Gender Identities
- Power Exchange Dynamics
- Relationship Structures
- Romantic Orientations
- Sexualities

## Perspective / Outlook

Much of the discussion here pre-supposes relationships & interactions with a kink and/or power exchange component to them. Additionally, our perspective is built upon a presumption of ethical behavior in these activities. This means:

- Everyone involved has given their active, informed consent
- There is a safe word system in place AND
- All participants have agreed to what aftercare will be used to transition out of the scene

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### **Please do Not “Suffer in Silence”**

If you hear a term you don't know / understand, please ask. There are lots of terms, and we want to encourage everyone to learn as much as they can. We will be happy to:

- Explain things we know about and / or
- Allow others to explain the things they know about
- If all else fails, we'll Google it and share with the room

### **Privacy is Critical**

Ensure you keep who you see and what you hear at these discussions confidential.

It's fine to talk in general terms about the discussion with people who were not present, but do NOT share identifying details.

#### **Acceptable:**

- "Someone was telling us about the challenges they experience with their partner. One of the examples was about a vacation they took together"

#### **NOT Acceptable:**

- Danny Dominant was telling us all about the challenges he and Susy Submissive have been experiencing. He said she ruined their vacation to Hawaii"

### **Open Minds Make Good Communities**

You may encounter ideas outside your comfort zone during these discussions. Please keep an open mind and approach the discussion with the assumption of good intent of the other participants.

### **Own Your Own Truth**

Speak from your own experience, using “I” statements.

### **Respect Other's Truths**

Do NOT try to convince others that their truths are wrong.

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## Keep Your Hands to Yourself

Unless you have EXPLICIT SPOKEN permission, do NOT touch:

- People
- Their belongings or
- Anything else you do not own

## Share the Air

There are always a mix of extrovert and introverted people in a group like this. Please be aware of this and make space for those who may not be as extroverted as you are.

To this end:

- We will be keeping a queue
- Raise your hand or otherwise get our attention, and we will put you on the list
- We'll also keep a 2 minute timer
- If you hear the timer, it doesn't mean "stop talking" but rather "Please wrap up"

## Economic Activity

Sex work is real work and we welcome workers here. However, this is a place to build community, not to find new customers. You are welcome to talk about sex work if it's pertinent to the discussion, but otherwise we ask that you pause that part of your identity while you are here.

## Feedback

We welcome any feedback that you may have about these discussions. You can share it with us at the events (before or after the discussion, or during the break). You may also post to the FetLife group or send FetMail to us. Contact information can be found at the beginning of this document.

## Have Fun

We know that's a lot of rules, but it's our hope they will help us build a safe, welcoming community that allows people to have fun while enjoying the benefits of that community.