



# Rotary District 9630 Code of Conduct

- “Rotary District 9630 is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarian’s spouses, partners and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.”
- (Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth, Rotary Code of Policies, October 2003, following Rotary International Board Decision, November 2002)
  
- **Purpose**
- The purpose of this Code Of Conduct is to provide guidance to Rotarians and volunteers on Rotary projects and programs when dealing with young people. The purpose of the programs for young people is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of young people.
- The development of young people in Rotary Programs is achieved by the example and guidance of dedicated Rotarians. They help these young people in the fulfillment of the ideals of Rotary, so that they will become constructive and responsible citizens.
- **Application**
- It is expected that this Code of Conduct will be strictly observed by all adults — both Rotarians and non Rotarians who work on or within Rotary Projects and Programs, recognizing at all times they should act responsibly and exercise a “duty of care” to the people within their charge.
- **Statement of Principles**
- Representatives of Rotary District 9630 or of any of its Clubs will observe the following principles:
- We respect the dignity of others and ourselves.
- We will demonstrate a high degree of personal responsibility, recognizing at all times that our words and actions are an example to all members of our community.
- We will act at all times in a manner consistent with the Rotary Principles and deals, thereby setting a personal and appropriate example to follow.
- We will not (while involved with Rotary Projects) promote our own personal beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are incompatible with the basic Rotary principles.
- We will act with consideration, good judgment and high moral ideals in all our interpersonal relationships, both inside and outside Rotary
- We will respect the absolute right of each individual to personal privacy at all times.
- Adults representing a Rotary Club in District 9630 will, wherever possible, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with young people.
- Rotarians and other adults should avoid potentially compromising situations by ensuring, where reasonably possible, that at least two adults are in attendance whilst supervising and/or accompanying young people. It is recognized that in certain circumstances it may be necessary for a member or adult whilst acting responsibly and exercising duty of care to be alone with a young person.
- We realize that bullying unwanted physical contact physical or verbal abuse harassment, use of computers for pornographic or other inappropriate purposes, neglect or any other type of abuse, represents unacceptable conduct.
- We acknowledge, support and will abide by the RI, YEP Rule that says - The illegal drinking of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. Students who are of legal age should refrain. If the host family offers a student an alcoholic drink, it is permissible to accept it under their supervision in their home.
- For the safety of all participants, we will ensure that a no-alcohol rule exists, not only in YEP, but in all camps and such other New Generations programs and events organised for Youth in District 9630.
- We acknowledge the need to abide by Rotary International’s Code of Conduct.
- We acknowledge the need to abide by the Youth Protection Policy issued by Rotary District 9630.
- We acknowledge that we must at all times act in a manner upholding the name of Rotary International.
  
- (From Rotary District 9630 Youth Protection Policy – Rotary Programs for New Generations
- – Version 3, For Adopted by resolution of the Presidents-elect, District 9630 Assembly, May 2006)