

PGP Web Forum & Email List Rules of Conduct

*The PGP strongly endorses and will defend your rights to free expression, per the 1st Amendments of both the federal and Oregon constitutions. However, non-members are guests and so are provided no such guarantee. In addition, **all participants must abide by the following Rules of Conduct:***

- 1) **Courtesy and Respect:** Be courteous to every member, including those whose beliefs you think are false, objectionable or even downright evil. When debating, express your opinion about a person's ideas, not about them personally.
 - a) No **slander**: this includes stating facts that are untrue about another person with the intent to malign their perceived character. If you do this unintentionally, a public apology is warranted and expected.
 - b) No derogatory **name-calling** of participants, including calling a person evil, Nazi, anti-Semitic, or other inflammatory terms.
 - c) No references to a person's age, disability, gender, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, etc. with seeming intent to aggravate the person.
 - d) There is a grey area with **humor** – but a warning means it is time to quit being a joker for a while; in other words, "I was kidding" is allowed once.
- 2) **Disruptive behavior:** Basic freedoms do not include the right to disrupt other's basic rights to those freedoms.
 - a) This includes creating a highly disproportionate number of posts, off-topic posts in a forum otherwise designated, or repeating identical or near identical posts.
- 3) **Solicitation:** No general solicitations on behalf of commercial, religious, charitable or other organizations, nor for causes, products or services not approved by the PGP.
 - a) If in doubt about whether your organization or cause is green, check the PGP website for links, or ask a moderator or two other members on your forum.
- 4) **Violence:** Explicit or veiled threats or general calls to violence towards groups or individuals will not be tolerated.
- 5) **Illegal activities:** No promoting illegal activity or discussing illegal activities with the intent to commit them.
- 6) **Impersonation:** No impersonating other members; all posts must be signed; pseudonyms are permitted, but you must note any other identities you use.
- 7) **Contact information:** Failure to maintain a single verifiably valid e-mail address in your forum registration is grounds for immediate removal.

Complaints: It is the responsibility of the whole community to report violations of these Rules of Conduct; please e-mail a moderator directly or flag the message in question on the forums – **Please, do not respond on the email list or forum with your complaint!**