

ACCEPTABLE CODES OF CONDUCT for workshops, events, and rituals about sexuality.

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants, it is requested that all persons attending this event must be aware of and agree to comply with the following 'Code of Conduct.' Please print 2 copies of this 'Code of Conduct.' Keep one for your own reference and the other must be signed by you and a witness and posted back to: Shambhalla Awareness Centre. P.O. Box 3541 Helensvale Town Centre. Qld. 4212

All participants must conduct themselves with love, respect, and utmost concern for safety, consentuality, and NON-coerciveness. We expect ALL participants to respect the spirit as well as the letter of this 'Code of Conduct'

People from many different paths and traditions will be attending this gathering. Everyone is expected to be responsible for his or her own good conduct and to behave in a considerate and caring manner towards others.

Religious, racial, sexual and gender vilification will not be tolerated at this event. Offenders will be asked to leave the site immediately and other action may follow.

Taking photographs of rituals at this event is NOT permitted. DO NOT take photographs of any person at any time without their permission. This includes people in the background.

Sexual harassment, physical harassment, theft, vandalism, and other harmful conduct will not be tolerated. Offenders will be asked to leave the site immediately and other action may follow. Everyone has the right to experience the gathering free from such abuse; if you feel unsafe, threatened or unsure or if you need someone to talk to or to ask questions of, please see any of the gathering organisers.

Disruption of ritual procedure will not be tolerated, anyone doing so will be asked to leave the ritual area immediately, in a quiet and orderly manner. Failure to do so may result in eviction from the event.

All participants have the right and the responsibility to leave any workshop or ritual that they are not comfortable with. Organisers of rituals and workshops will explain the correct procedure for leaving sacred space appropriately.

All participants must attend the pre-ritual workshops, so that they can make an informed decision as to their level of interaction within the rituals, with the energy and the other participants.

Drug and alcohol abuse will not be tolerated at this event. Responsible consumption of alcohol in a social context is acceptable, however, attendance at any rituals at this event whilst under the influence of drugs (other than medication, taken for health reasons) or alcohol (other than the ritual sacrament) is strictly prohibited at this event.

Everyone attending this event must treat all others with the utmost respect! People's attitude and actions must be tolerant and respectful towards each other. We must all allow and support ourselves and each other in the expression of our sacred being, whatever form that may take, provided that we at all times behave in a way that is LOVING, RESPECTFUL, SAFE, CONSENSUAL and NON-COERCIVE.

Some rituals at this event may be clothing optional, this means each participant is free to dress, or not dress to their own level of comfort. This is not a licence to be coercive to others. If you attend this event it is expected that you are mature enough to allow others to be clothing optional regardless of your own dress standards.

Everyone present in rituals and workshops will be expected to observe due respect for the activity. This means paying attention in workshops and contributing to the energy of the rituals. This may mean being energetically engaged with the ritual and the invocations, joining in the chants, and contributing energy to the ritual in a positive manner, e.g. dancing, remaining focused on the intent, letting go of ego consciousness and letting go to the energy of the rite and as far as is safely possible, leaving behind the concerns of the mundane world.

All participants are expected to behave respectfully to others and to expect to be treated respectfully by them. You are expected to know and respect your own boundaries, make informed decisions about how and when you wish to challenge, or maintain those boundaries.

During some rituals and workshops, emotions can run high. Be aware that others may not be experiencing these feelings in the same way you are. If you wish to communicate your feelings to another, be considerate of their wishes and feelings.

All participants are expected to be careful to determine and respect each other's boundaries. Breaches of this 'Code of Conduct' will not be tolerated. If you wish to interact with others, be considerate of their wishes, this applies especially when initiating physical contact. Respect the wishes of someone if they do not wish to interact. Groping or any harassment of another will result in you immediate eviction. Offenders may be asked to leave the ritual, and/or be banned from future events, serious breaches may result in legal action being taken.

The accepted code of conduct for engaging another is to initiate interaction in a non-threatening way. FIRST make eye contact, then if, and only if you are welcomed, touch the other person's forearm; if you are further welcomed proceed slowly, making your intentions clear and giving them time to indicate their acceptance, or otherwise. If you are asked to stop, whether verbally or non-verbally do so immediately. If an advance meets with no response this should be taken to mean "NO.!" If your interaction is not specifically encouraged, DO NOT proceed. We repeat, offenders may be asked to leave the ritual, and/or be banned from future events, serious breaches may result in legal action being taken.

All participants have the right and the responsibility to resist any attempts to pressure or coerce them into engaging in any activity that they find unacceptable. The gathering staff will support participants in their wishes to resist such behaviour. All participants have the right and the responsibility to ensure that their boundaries are respected. If someone seeks to interact with you and you do not wish it, you must let him or her know immediately and clearly. If the unacceptable behaviour continues, immediately seek the assistance of one of the organisers. Do not be afraid that your objections to inappropriate actions will be disruptive to the ritual; any disregard for your rights would be far more disruptive to the flow of energy than your objections would be.

NO, means NO, and YES means YES, there is no room for ambiguity here. However, we MUST also recognise that people can change their minds and retract permission to interact, and this too must be respected. It is our intention that people in the ritual will be experiencing altered states of consciousness; they may therefore be open and vulnerable. Giving mixed signals, or playing bullshit games is dangerous and disrespectful to everyone who attends the ritual, and will not be tolerated. Offenders may be asked to leave the ritual, and/or be banned from future events.

All participants are expected to behave with tolerance towards others, if you find the LOVING, RESPECTFUL, SAFE, CONSENSUAL and NON-COERCIVE actions of others disturbing, look the other way, or leave the area.

Do not come to this event if you are in anyway homophobic, or erotophobic, or intolerant of any other adult sexual, spiritual or cultural orientation, unless you are willing to transcend these limitations. During ritual, expect the unexpected. Leave the Temple space quietly and respectfully if you become too uncomfortable to continue.

Be aware that the rituals at this event are mystical operations and that the main purpose is to create magick! Magick can be an unpredictable force. Do not be surprised if you react in ways that you did not expect, follow the energy, while honouring yourself and others, and maintaining your integrity. Do not be surprised if what you expected does not occur. Be prepared to experience a personal journey of self-discovery and transformation. Equally do not be surprised if nothing happens, magick ritual is an art which follows its own compulsions, therefore every person who attends this event, must take full responsibility for their presence at this event, for their actions, and for their interactions with the energy and actions of the event, the activities and the other participants. Expect the unexpected!

Everyone who wishes to attend this event must agree to abide by this 'Code of Conduct', attend the explanatory workshops prior to the rituals, and read and sign the disclaimer.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS CODE OF CONDUCT MAY RESULT IN EVICTION FROM THIS EVENT.

I am over 18 years of age and I have read and fully understand the above

Attendee:

Print Name.....SignDate __/__/__

Witness:

Print Name.....SignDate __/__/__

Psychic Self Care:

Like all practices that move energy through the body and aura the workshops and rituals of this event may have the potential to shake loose memories and trauma that have remained hidden in the subconscious for years, the inability to deal with these issues is one of the major areas of risk with mystical practice. The best way to deal with these things is to face them honestly and accept that they are a part of you that has been repressed and to own them. Feelings of discomfort and fear can best be dealt with in the short term by breathing deeply and slowly in a relaxed manner. There will be a sanctuary retreat provided for any who need quiet, reflective, or nurturing time-out. This space can be utilised for private meditation or sharing healings. Self honesty, the ability to laugh at ourselves, a willingness to learn what these repressed energies have to teach us, and taking the time to integrate new experiences before attempting to move onto the next stage are longer term strategies that can be cultivated by anyone. It is worth remembering that these eruptions often take a symbolic form, therefore a good knowledge of myth, occult correspondences and metaphor is extremely usefull, as are the following books:

OWNING YOUR SHADOW. INNER WORK, ECSTASY, and WE, all by Robert A. Johnson. And THE SHAMAN'S BODY by Arnold Mindell

BOOKINGS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED AND FILL EARLY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS