

# Dancefloor Etiquette

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Dancefloor etiquette is all about common sense, goodwill and co-operation.



## Here's a list of things NOT TO DO on a dancefloor ...

- Never carry food, drinks, glasses or cans onto the dancefloor
- Never walk through a line of dancers to cross the floor ... always walk around or wait until the dancing has finished
- Never stand off the dancefloor to talk ... if the music is playing, walk away from the dancefloor to chat
- Never hog floor space to 'perform' ... if the floor is full take small steps and watch out for collisions
- Never stop in the middle of the floor to teach as you'll be in the way
- Never let your feet, knees, arms or elbows become dangerous weapons
- Never 'show off' ... crazed variations, turbospins, high kicks and jumps just put people off - you!
- Never use a mobile phone whilst dancing or when instruction is taking place
- Never take photographs or videos without asking permission first



## This is a list of things YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DO on a dancefloor:

- Always listen to the DJ ... it's customary for a DJ to designate the dance and to 'count in'
- Always encourage and support beginners ... it only takes a few kind words to make a new friend
- Always go to the front when starting off a dance ... others can then line up behind you
- Always be gracious and apologise when caught in a 'bump' ... even if it was not your fault
- Always replace any drinks you accidentally knock over and be sure to say 'sorry'
- Always leave the outside edge of the dancefloor clear for partner and couple dancers
- Always give way to dancers around the outside of the dancefloor
- Always dance with the flow ... the line of dance (LOD) is anti-clockwise
- Always show appreciation ... applaud live acts, instructors and DJs as they work hard for you
- **Always keep your head up, smile and enjoy yourself!**