

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services (PRCS) is committed to providing a safe, positive, and respectful environment. We meet the needs of our customers and patrons through activities, special events, cultural arts, and parks that are representative of the best practices of our profession. To help ensure participant satisfaction and safety, PRCS requests participants and staff to follow a common set of rules for courteous behavior and follow all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances and posted park and facility rules.

**PRCS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

*Spectators, visitors, patrons, and participants are asked to please observe the following:*

- In case of emergency, dial 911.
- Respect the rights and privileges of all persons, including staff, at all times and demonstrate courtesy to others. Cooperate with or assist PRCS and County staff in maintaining safety, cleanliness, and order.
- Respect the property of others, including county property and facilities. Destruction or damage, to a PRCS facility or one of its facility partners or theft of any property is not acceptable.
- Comply with requests from officials, staff, and program facilitators/instructors.
- Comply with any rules of the program, event or class and the rules of the facility where the program, event or class is being held.
- Refrain from conduct that disrupts or obstructs any program, event, class, or visitor experience. This includes rudeness to others and argumentative behavior.
- Refrain from any lewd, obscene, or indecent conduct, exposure, or expression, including profanity, harassment, discrimination, threats, or offensive remarks.
- Refrain from any action which in the judgment of any staff, instructor, or facilitator constitutes as an attempt to inflict, or the actual infliction of, or injury to other visitors, participants, and/or staff.
- Do not remove any property from any facility that does not belong to you.
- Smoking is not permitted in any indoor facility.
- Loudoun County prohibits the possession, carrying or transportation of any firearm or ammunition in: Buildings owned or used by Loudoun County; Any part of a building used by Loudoun County for public purposes even if not owned by the county; and Parks owned and operated by Loudoun County. Exceptions to the new ordinance allow some individuals to carry firearms. For more information, please review Chapter 684: Weapons and Explosive, Section 684.04: Possession of Firearms on County Property or visit: <https://www.loudoun.gov/5544/Firearms-on-County-Property>
- Selling, possessing or use of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia is not allowed.

- Alcohol use is approved by PRCS only for specific sites and requires an alcohol permit.
- Use trash or recycling bins when available or take your trash with you. Littering is not allowed.
- Advertising, instructing, or charging for services, including exercise activities, guided hikes, sports and other special interest classes and activities is not permitted without obtaining PRCS approval. Solicitation, selling of items/products or outside fund raising for personal gain is not permitted.
- Assembling groups of 100 people or more is not allowed without obtaining PRCS approval.

This Code of Conduct applies to all persons participating in any program, service or facility managed and operated by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services. Repeated refusal to obey this Code of Conduct could result in dismissal from the premises, barring from the property for a period of time, or more severe consequences up to and including the notification of law enforcement and other appropriate agencies.

Individual programs, such as Sports and Children's Programs, may have tailored Codes of Conduct that apply specifically to participants within those areas. These program-specific codes are designed to complement the overarching Code of Conduct, ensuring that all participants adhere to the standards and expectations unique to each program.