

Safe Space Guidelines

1. The CNMC strives to create an inclusive and safe space that encompasses all sexualities, gender identities, races, and abilities. Language or behavior which is disrespectful or which alienates attendees, particularly those of minority groups, is a violation of these guidelines. In line with this, no photography, video, or recording of any kind is allowed without prior verbal consent of all parties involved. Anyone who violates these guidelines may be asked to leave the event (no refund will be issued).
2. The Chicago Non-Monogamy Conference is for learning about polyamory, deepening existing relationships with oneself and with our partners, and for developing connections within the community. Attendance at this event does not signal sexual interest or availability. Nudity, sex, and kink are not permitted.
3. Consent is necessary before initiating physical contact, and “no” is a complete answer. Please be sure to ask and wait for a “yes” before touching another attendee in any way. CNMC encourages all attendees to speak openly about their personal boundaries in order to foster a culture where we are all supported and respected.
4. Please ask about the preferred pronouns of attendees.
5. Help the CNMC create an event that facilitates trust by getting to know your fellow attendees. Be open in your communication by asking respectful questions and listening carefully.

General Event Guidelines

Tickets/Refunds/Transfers – No one will be permitted, under any circumstances, to enter the CNMC without a previous registration. There will be no ticket sales, exchanges, refunds, substitutions, etc, at the event site.

Name Badges – All attendees will be given a name badge at Check-In. These are to be worn at all times.

Behavior – Please be respectful of presenters and attendees at all times, particularly during class sessions. If you feel that you are being subject to rude behavior, please inform a CNMC representative as soon as possible.

Privacy – The safety and privacy of attendees is important to CNMC. If either are jeopardized, the offending person will be immediately removed from the event (no refund will be given).

Venue and Staff – Please be respectful of the venue property, including the building itself, chairs, tables, fixtures, etc. You will be held responsible for any and all damage that occurs as a direct or indirect result of your actions. Please treat all staff/volunteers with courtesy, so we are invited to return next year.

Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs, Firearms, and Illegal Activities – Smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, and firearms are not permitted inside of the venue. Please use designated areas outside to smoke. Neither the CNMC nor the venue support the carrying of concealed firearms while at this event. Anything that is illegal in the state of Illinois is also illegal at this event and in this venue.

Photography and Cell Phone/Electronics – There is to be no photography within the event space without the express verbal permission of all people involved in the photo. There is to be no video or audio recording of any kind. Please silence or shut off your cell phones during the conference. If there is an emergency need or a disability which necessitates the use of an electronic device, please let the CNMC staff know as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Lost and Found – If you find an item that isn't yours, please drop it off at the Check-In table or with a CNMC volunteer. If you have lost an item, please ask at the Check-In table.

CNMC is hosted by REF, a 501c3, and thereby does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, and vendors.