

Guidelines and Suggestions When Meeting in a Members' Home

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Message greatly appreciates our hosting members who welcome not only new friends, but also strangers, into their homes. We depend on their generosity and ask you to appreciate their hospitality and respect their homes. To minimise the risk of accidents and annoyance, we ask all members to follow these guidelines:

MEETINGS:

- Members are welcome to attend meetings in any Message Area or Group.
- A host may limit numbers attending and/ or ages of children.
- An offer to bring something or help is always appreciated.
- Prospective members may attend Message get-togethers at the host's discretion.

SAFETY:

- Children must be supervised.
- Please remember that not all homes are safe for babies and children
- Potentially dangerous activities, e.g., cooking, must be adequately supervised by an adult.
- Sick children do not belong at Message activities. Please speak to your hostess before arriving at the meeting if your child has any signs of illness.

VISITING PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

- Please ask your host where you may leave your pushchair and if you should remove your shoes.
- Please exercise control of your child especially in the case of noise, bullying and abusing the toys.
- Never leave your child unsupervised. If children are playing in separate areas, please take turns in supervising them.
- Please supervise your children when they are eating food or using the toilet.

HOSTS AND ORGANISERS:

- Hosts can limit numbers and ages of children attending.
- Please protect your home and our children by putting away dangerous, valuable or fragile objects.
- If possible, supply unbreakable cups and bowls for children's refreshments.
- If a speaker has been invited, please make sure that they are introduced at the start of the talk and thanked at the end.
- Members are kindly reminded that it is their responsibility to supervise their children and personal possessions at Message functions.

