

THE 24 DO'S AND DON'TS OF CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

From the Minds of Genuine Teenagers

Do

- call your friends every once in a while instead of just texting
- be nice, polite, honest, and respectful
- call your parents if you think they'll be worried
- say "pardon" instead of "WHAT?" if you can't hear the person
- take the call outside or move away from the group
- put your phone on vibrate or turn off the ringer during dinner
- get off the phone when your parents say to
- talk quietly in public (no one cares to hear your conversation)
- refrain from eating while talking on the phone
- silence your phone in class and at the library and other places where people are trying to concentrate
- let people know if you're going to have to take an important call
- turn off your phone anyplace where quiet or respect is required (e.g., church, theaters, concerts)

Don't

- use loud, obnoxious ringtones
- talk in a public place and go "WHAT? WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU! OH! SHE SAID THAT? REALLY?" etc.
- ignore the people who are with you to talk on your cell phone
- hang up without saying good-bye
- put a person on speaker without their knowing
- interrupt someone talking on the phone unless it's an emergency
- make prank calls or leave mean voicemails
- send embarrassing pictures to anyone
- talk or text in dangerous or inappropriate situations, e.g., while driving, crossing a street, riding in an elevator, ordering from a cashier
- carry on conversations with people in the room while talking on the phone
- put your phone on the table in restaurants
- use your phone in public restrooms

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