

Visitor Guidelines - Consented [September 27, 2014](#)

Touchstone Visitor Guidelines (External Communication)

Touchstone is an intentional community made up of people who share values of respect, responsibility, hospitality, and kindness. We expect this of ourselves and our guests.

1. Please treat others as you would want to be treated.
2. Please leave things the way you found them.
3. Please be respectful of others' belongings.
4. Please don't use offensive or hurtful language.
5. Please don't tease or harass others.
6. We recommend that all guests be hosted by a Touchstone adult unless they are passing through.
7. We recommend that guests who are minors be with an adult or Touchstone resident during their visit.

Touchstone Visitor Guidelines (Internal Communication)

Purpose/intent: We want Touchstone to be a welcoming community that is respectful, safe, and warm.

1. All visitors should be hosted by an acting Touchstone adult ("TS adult") who is *on the premises during the guest's visit*. The TS adult should be the acting responsible adult (e.g. parent, designated guardian, responsible teen, designated neighbor, babysitter, pet sitter). The TS adult is ultimately responsible for the visitor while at TS.
2. If the visitor is a minor:
 - a. The visitor should be with a TS minor or *any* adult (visitor *or* resident) at all times. A visiting minor should never be unaccompanied at TS. The TS adult should be within reach on the premises in case of emergencies or other issues.
 - b. The TS adult should have contact with the minor visitor's parents prior to the first invitation and have the parents' contact information in case of emergency. Our intent is to be familiar and have a working relationship with the parents of any visiting minor.
3. Any visitors that are disrespectful to the people, belongings, environment, or guidelines of Touchstone may be asked to leave in a respectful manner using **non-violent language** (<http://www.wikihow.com/Practice-Nonviolent-Communication>). If any TS person feels uncomfortable asking someone to leave, please contact the following people for help: Jill, Tom S., Kito, Tom I., Maggi, Wendy W., Mary Beth, Jason