

Respect - A Key to Civility



10 Ways to Show Respect

1. Treat people how you want to be treated.
2. Be accepting of differences.
3. Use good manners.
4. Be considerate of others' feelings.
5. Listen to other people's viewpoints.
6. Don't gossip.
7. Rely on facts, not assumptions.
8. Do what you say you'll do.
9. Deal peacefully with disagreements.
10. Be kind online.

Others shouldn't have to earn your respect. Give respect freely, regardless of the respect that you receive.

We can show respect to an individual without admiring them or agreeing with their decisions. Treating people with respect does not mean that you endorse someone's ideas or behaviors. We treat others with respect because everyone has worth as a human being and deserves basic dignity and respect.

Respect is more than a standard for how we treat each other, it also drives civil communication. When we commit to showing respect, it makes it easier to have hard conversations. It prompts us to disagree without being disagreeable.

It Starts with You

Improving respect and civility in our community isn't someone else's job. It can start with you.

We urge Iowans to be respectful and encourage others to do the same. To help you get started, we can provide tips for navigating tough situations in a respectful way.

Whether you need help teaching your kids about manners or want to be more open to other opinions, we can help you show respect.

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