

TOP 05 TRANS ALLY PRINCIPLES

THE SAFE ZONE PROJECT



01. AFFIRM...

...the trans people in your life by using their correct name and pronouns. It is important to use their correct name and pronouns whether they are around or not, and when referring to them in the past, present, or future.

02.

APOLOGIZE...

...but don't dwell when you make a mistake with names, gender, or pronouns. Always correct yourself when you make a mistake with someone's name or pronoun. Apologize briefly.



03. ENGAGE...

...with trans people about their identity. If someone has shared their trans identity with you, you can talk with them about it if they want to! Respect their choice and ask for their consent! Identities and experiences are not to be treated like pink elephants in the room.



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04.

RESPECT...

...**privacy and steer clear of body-centric questions.** A trans person has a right to privacy around their body just like the rest of us do, so steer clear of questions about surgery, body history, genitalia, hormone therapy etc.



05.

VOLUNTEER...

...**to educate others about ways we can continue to grow as trans allies.** We all need each other when it comes to being an active trans ally. Holding each other accountable when we mess up names/pronouns/gender is an important and essential action. Volunteer to educate others. Put yourself out there as an ally and as a fellow learner and help create more safe, affirming, and inclusive environments around you.

