



SEXUALLY-POSITIVE EVENT GUIDELINES

The Satanic Temple (TST) takes sexual liberation and bodily autonomy seriously. These aspects are a part of our religious experience as Satanists. As such, some TST events might include sexually-positive activities. The following guidelines will delineate between participatory and non-participatory sexually-positive events, and provide guidance for congregation leadership and/or Ministers of Satan who wish to include sexual activity in their events.

Not all events that involve nudity or bare body parts are considered sexual, as nudity is inherently not sexual. This document covers both sexually-positive events and non-sexual ritual nudity.

I. Definitions

- A. For the purposes of this document, "TST events" includes Congregation events, rituals planned and produced by TST Ministers of Satan, and any other activities planned and carried out by TST member groups.
- B. Sexually-positive events are ones that include real or simulated sexual acts, real or simulated BDSM, or auto-erotic activity.
- C. Sexually-positive events can be either participatory or non-participatory.
 1. Participatory events are those in which attendees may participate in consensual sexual activity, for example: orgies, BDSM, fetish balls, nudity and/or rituals that include sexual acts.
 - NOTE: Participatory sexually-positive events always require an approval form per Congregation policy.
 2. Non-participatory events are those in which attendees are onlookers but consensual sexually-positive activity is part of the performance of the event or ritual, for example: ritual flogging, live ritual sex, burlesque show, ritual nudity, etc.



II. Guidelines for Sexually-Positive Events

Congregation leaders and/or Ministers of Satan must check local laws regarding sexually-themed events prior to submitting an event proposal or ritual notification form. Additionally, any sexually-positive event must adhere to the following guidelines.

A. General Guidelines

1. Consent: Consent is permission for something to happen or an agreement to do something. Consent is freely given; agreeing to do something is consent only if it's voluntary. 'No' always means 'no' whether given verbally or non-verbally. A lack of affirmative, positive, freely given 'yes' is also a 'no'. People who are incapacitated by alcohol or drugs are unable to give consent. Consent can be withdrawn by any parties at any time. Consent at an event is not consent for future sexual activity or relationships. Violating consent will result in removal from the event and ban from future TST activities and rituals.
 - Violating someone's consent, engaging in coercion/harassment/assault, or any behavior that goes against another person's will also be subject to both civil and criminal legal repercussions pursuant to local/state law.
2. Proof-of-age: Attendees must provide proof-of-age (18+) before being admitted to any sexually-positive events and/or rituals.
3. Identification: Name tags with pronouns should be made available to all attendees.
4. Waiver/release form: any sexually-positive, participatory events and/or rituals should include a waiver/release form that affirm the signatory understands the nature of the event or ritual they are attending. Must include language to the effect that TST/Congregations/Ministry are not responsible for pregnancies or contraction of sexually-transmitted infections (STIs).
5. "No locked doors" policy: Security needs to be able to see into all rooms at all times and nothing can block the exits.



6. First Aid: A first aid kit must be on-site; there should preferably be someone on site with first aid training; a designated first aid area is advisable.
7. Sanitization: Cleaning supplies must be available to sanitize areas before and after use; this includes toy and/or hardware specific cleaning reagents
8. Protection: Condoms/dental dams should be made available for attendees (free condoms/dams are often available from Planned Parenthood or state Departments of Health).
9. Drink Safety: Beverage testing kits should be available if possible.
10. All sexually-positive events and/or rituals must have clearly-marked exits.
11. Security: all sexually-positive events and/or rituals must have security personnel who are clearly and visibly marked as being part of security (e.g., "SECURITY" shirt; yellow vest, etc.).
12. Levels of participation: Congregations might utilize one or both of these methods:
 - Colored and/or textured¹ wristbands: Charts explaining the meaning of wristbands should be posted in any area designated for sexual activity. Colored and/or textured wristbands denote what a participant *might* be willing to engage in, not what they are expected to or required to engage in². Print-outs of charts explaining the meanings of wristbands should be made available to attendees.
 - Designated areas: Clearly-marked areas for varying levels of activity (lounge; observation area; BDSM; sex; aftercare with first aid kit)

¹ e.g., striped, polka dots, different materials, sigils or other markings, words

² Common wristband designations are: green = spectator only; yellow = soft play (making out; heavy petting; solo play); red = full participation with one or more partners (e.g., manual stimulation; oral sex; intercourse, etc.)



13. Intoxication: Drugs/alcohol not permitted to be served at participatory sexually-positive events and/or rituals. Intoxicated individuals will be asked to leave.
14. Abusive Behavior: Any abusive behavior (*i.e.*, coercion, harassment, assault, etc.) will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the event, as well as a permanent ban from all future Congregation activities. Any reports of these behaviors will be addressed not only with hosts of the event but with local authorities, as applicable.
15. Photography:
 - Photography of any kind should be in clearly marked, designated areas ONLY.
 - Designated areas should be closed off and have signage indicating that photographs or video will be taken in that area.
 - Entrance into designated area assumes consent to have pictures or video taken.
 - Performers in events and/or rituals should not be photographed or video recorded without their previous, expressed permission.
16. STI Status: Ensure that participants are made aware of best practices regarding sexual health safety.
 - It is every individual's responsibility to know their current sexually-transmitted infection (STI) status and to use common sense as to whether or not participating in sexual activities with other individuals will put them at risk of unknowingly contracting an STI, thus violating their bodily autonomy.
 - Knowingly or recklessly transmitting an STI can be subject to both civil and criminal legal repercussions pursuant to local/state law.
 - Hosts of any sexually-positive events and/or rituals should research and provide information for participants where free or low cost STI testing can be obtained if they so choose.
 - Participants engaging in fluid exchange may specifically request to know current STI status/results prior to engaging in play. Refusal to share upon request may result in consent being rescinded.



B. BDSM Guidelines:

1. Skilled practitioners should be available to participate and/or oversee play activities.
 - Come prepared and know your play style and skill level prior to engaging others in that play.
 - Someone wanting to try something new should be under the supervision of another skilled practitioner of that particular play (e.g., flogging, suspension, bondage, etc.).
2. Boundaries and safewords must be established before engaging in play.
 - New activities should be thoroughly discussed and agreed upon by all parties.
3. Know your toys.
 - If you want to use a new toy you're not familiar with, ask a skilled user for assistance and/or to demonstrate.
 - Misuse or abuse of toys towards another individual will result in immediate removal and permanent ban.
4. Discuss potential risks with play partners (e.g. latex allergy).
 - Latex use should be in a designated space in play area to help avoid accidental allergy exposure.
 - Discuss any medical issues with your play partner(s) that may lead to complications and/or injury.

III. Guidelines for Non-Sexual Ritual Nudity

- A. Non-sexual nudity events and/or rituals are ones in which nudity or utilizing bare body parts are a part of the ritual but have no sexual activity components, as nudity is not inherently sexual (e.g., as seen in Black Masses).
 - Nudity can be utilized for a myriad of reasons such as body positivity affirmation, liberation affirmation, personal expression, artistic, etc.
 - Nudity can be utilized by both participants and attendees.



- B. Non-sexual events and/or rituals are still subject to the participants giving full consent.
 - No ritual or event should require or utilize coercion to be nude if the participant does not feel comfortable.
- C. Attendees of the event and/or ritual should be notified ahead of time that nudity will be a part of the event and/or ritual.
 - This can be accomplished by having postings/advisories at the entrance or as a part of the advertising.
- D. Photography and/or video utilized at an event or ritual is still subject to the requirements outlined in section I, item 16 above.
- E. Attendees must provide proof-of-age (18+) before being admitted to any events and/or rituals that include nudity.
 - Even though nudity is not inherently sexual, this rule alleviates the chances of event/ritual organizers, performers, and attendees from being falsely accused of impropriety.