

SKATEBOARD ETIQUETTE

A series designed to educate users on best practices and respectful actions



The Kentville skatepark is a haven for skaters. A safe area with fun obstacles and ramps you wouldn't normally find downtown or elsewhere. It's often the only place where you can try new tricks and really push yourself.

The Skatepark can also be very intimidating and scary for new riders. Fear of getting in other people's way or crashing into somebody while they're doing their line. But by following these simple guidelines, you'll be able to feel safe at the park and challenge yourself in a way you never thought was possible.

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WAIT YOUR TURN AND DON'T BE A "SNAKE"

Wait your turn! If you are not sure if others are going, ask them!

This will help avoid injuries to yourself and others!



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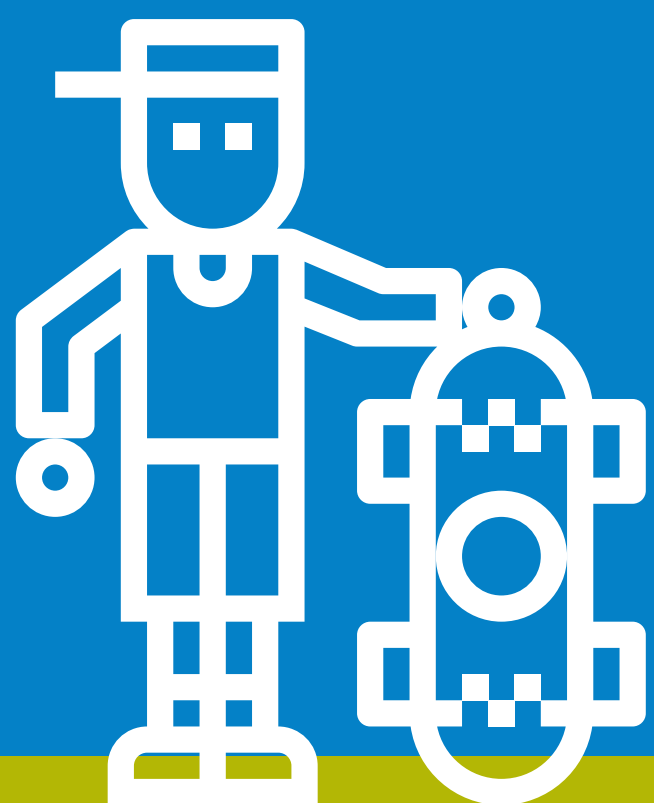
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DON'T REST/HANG OUT ON THE PARK

Don't sit on the ramp while someone else is doing their line or rest your board along the coping. There is risk of your board dropping into the area while someone else is doing their line, or they may be going where you are.

Stand a few feet back and go when the coast is clear.



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"BOARD"

If you hear someone yell “Board!” at the skatepark, it is simply to signify that their board is either shot up in the air and could fall, or it got away from them while doing a trick.

If this happens to you, be sure to yell “board”. Taking a skateboard to the head is a painful experience.

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DON'T BE MEAN OR RUDE TO THE KIDS

If you see someone who's younger and learning, try to help them out - show them what you know! We all have to start somewhere and you could help them find a new passion! If they keep violating any of the other guidelines, talk to the parents if they're there and help them learn what to do and what not to do at the skatepark.



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CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF

Since the skatepark is a community park, be sure to take all of your trash with you or throw it in the garbage bin instead of leaving it around the park.

A good, stable rule is to leave an area cleaner than you found it. Trust me, everyone will be thanking you later!



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A METAPHOR TO CONSIDER

Imagine if you were playing softball or baseball and someone who was not playing, came and stood on second base to hang out? That would be completely disrespectful and would disrupt the game!

Think of the example above the next time you are hanging out on the ramp/coping or sitting on the park itself. Be respectful and don't disrupt the line!



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