



Boots & Boogie

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To borrow some words. Dance floor etiquette is all about common sense, good will and co-operation. The best dancers are those who follow the social graces of the dance floor, they are courteous and considerate and will be welcomed wherever they dance. Etiquette should also be followed whether you are at a social event or at your linedance class. As you don't know how you may bump into!?

✘ NEVER

- ✘ Never carry food, drinks, glasses, can or lighted cigarettes onto the dance floor.
- ✘ Never walk through a line of dancers to cross the floor - always walk around or wait.
- ✘ Never stand on the floor to talk - if music is playing, go off the floor to chat
- ✘ Never start a different dance unless there is plenty of room and you sense it is acceptable.
- ✘ Never hog the dance floor to 'perform'. If the floor is full, take small steps and watch for collisions.
- ✘ Never stop in the middle of a dance to teach, as you'll be in the way. Go off the floor to teach.
- ✘ Never, even if you know the dance being taught and the person next to you is struggling, talk over the instructor. It is confusing to the learner and irritating to those around you, not to mention the instructor. There should be only one person teaching a specific dance at any one time.
- ✘ Never let your feet, knees, arms or elbows become dangerous weapons on the dance floor.
- ✘ Never show off. Crazy variations, turbo spins, high kicks and jumps just put people off - YOU!
- ✘ Never, if you bring along a child, should you let them run around or across the dance floor - it's both irritating and dangerous.

✔ ALWAYS

- ✔ Always listen to the DJ. It is customary for a DJ to designate the dance and to 'count you in'.
- ✔ Always encourage and support beginners. It only takes a few kind words to make you a new friend.
- ✔ Always go to the front when starting off a dance. Others can then line up behind you.
- ✔ Always clear the dance floor area after a dance ends and before the next dance begins if you're having a conversation with a friend. If you don't need the floor space for dancing, others do.
- ✔ Always be gracious and apologise when caught in a 'bump' even if it was not your fault.
- ✔ Always replace any drinks you accidentally knock over and be sure to say sorry.
- ✔ Always leave the outside edge of the dance floor clear for partner and couple dances.
- ✔ Always give way to dancers around the edge of the floor.
- ✔ Always dance with the flow. The Line Of Dance (LOD) is anti-clockwise.
- ✔ Always keep the noise levels down when instruction or announcements are taking place.
- ✔ Always show appreciation. Applaud Live Acts, Instructors and DJ's - they work hard for you.

✔✔✔ And Finally... Keep Your Head Up, Keep Smiling And Enjoy Yourself ✔✔✔