

BOSTON LEATHER GUILD

MEMBER AGREEMENT & COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

Member Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Welcome to the Boston Leather Guild! We're excited to have you as part of our crafting community. Please read through these friendly guidelines and sign below to help us maintain a safe, welcoming space for everyone.

OUR COMMUNITY STANDARDS

1. BE KIND & RESPECTFUL We're all here to learn and share our love of leather crafting! Please treat everyone with kindness and respect. Help create a welcoming environment where people feel comfortable asking questions and trying new techniques. The Guild will not tolerate any form of malice, violence, hate speech, or any behavior that makes another feel unwelcome at our meetings or community spaces.

2. WORKSHOP SAFETY & PARTICIPATION Come ready to learn and have fun! Listen to instructions, ask questions when you're unsure, and help your fellow crafters when you can. Remember, we work with sharp tools, hot implements, and various chemicals. When handling these materials, please do so in the manner demonstrated by the instructor or owner - safety always comes first!

3. PHOTOS & SOCIAL MEDIA We love sharing the amazing work our members create! By signing below, you're giving the Boston Leather Guild permission to photograph your projects and potentially use photos of you working during workshops on our social media pages and website. If you'd prefer not to be photographed or have your work shared, just let us know at the bottom of this form and we'll respect that choice.

4. TAKING CARE OF OUR SPACE Please help us keep our meeting space clean and organized. Use tools and equipment carefully, clean up after yourself, and let leadership know right away if something gets damaged. Since we meet in public spaces, please also be prompt about packing up and removing all personal items at the end of each meeting.

UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS (IMPORTANT)

What We're All Agreeing To: Leather crafting involves some inherent risks - sharp knives, awls, punches, hot tools, dyes, and other materials that could potentially cause cuts, burns, or skin reactions. By participating, you're acknowledging that these activities carry some risk, and you're choosing to participate anyway. Always keep materials that could – if used incorrectly – cause injury to another closed or protected when not in use.

How This Protects Our Community: To keep the Boston Leather Guild running and accessible to everyone, we need each member to understand that participation is at your own risk. You agree you will not hold the Guild, its leadership, or our gracious venue responsible for any accidents during our meetings.

In Simple Terms:

- You participate in Guild activities knowing there are some (usually minor) risks involved.
- You agree not to hold the Guild, nor its members, liable if you get injured during normal crafting activities.
- You'll take responsibility for your own safety, well-being, and for any personal items you bring into a meeting space.
- If someone else gets hurt or experiences a loss because of something you did, you'll resolve that situation between you and the affected party.

The Bottom Line: We want everyone to have a great time learning and creating together. These guidelines help set clear expectations on how to protect our community so we can continue offering workshops and sharing our craft with fellow enthusiasts.

I've read and understand these community guidelines and agree to participate in Boston Leather Guild activities with these understandings.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Member Signature: _____

☐ **Check here if you prefer NOT to be photographed or have your work shared on social media**

For Guild Use Only: Approved by: BLG Leadership

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