



Bruce County Heritage Association Inc.

Code of Conduct

The Bruce County Heritage Association (BCHA) has a duty and a responsibility to identify and adopt a Code of Conduct that provides a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for everyone. The Code of Conduct shall provide guidance, and the legal basis for authority that applies to the President, the Board of Directors, the Membership, and guests/clients/participants involved in the operation of programs of BCHA. The Code of Conduct shall be made publicly available.

The following are **not permitted** at Bruce County Heritage Association and may result in removal without a refund.

- Firearms, ammunition, knives, and weapons of any kind, restraining devices or self defense devices including but not limited to pepper spray, mace, tactical pens, sting rings except with permission of the board for reenactment or demonstration purposes.
Fireworks or other similarly explosive and/or flammable objects, smoke machines or fog machines.
- Smoking, vaping, and products that produce vapor or smoke except where designated.
- Line Breaking, including leaving and re-entering a line for any reason or place holding in line
- Clothing with offensive language, obscene gestures/graphics, or nudity. Clothing that does not sufficiently cover undergarments. Face coverings that conceal identity. (This policy does not apply to masks worn for religious purposes or meant to reduce the spread of disease.)
- Family-oriented themed outfits/attire are permitted. Costumes that conceal identity are prohibited. Rides and attractions may also have additional restrictions on attire.
Unruly or disruptive behavior that interferes with guests' enjoyment of the grounds including but not limited to running, the incitement of running, and blocking access and exits.
- Acts or behavior that the Board of Directors deem to be a safety concern or that interrupts operations or guests' experience.
- Harassing/threatening behavior, sexual misconduct, or lewd behavior including inappropriate interaction with event guests or associates.
- Fighting or physical aggression of any kind, including verbal assaults.
- Offensive language or gestures.

- Conduct deemed, by Bruce County Heritage Association, to be inappropriate for the peace and good order of the grounds, guests, or associates, and which may adversely affect the safety of others.
- Theft of any kind.
- Selling tickets, credentials, and other entitlements, or soliciting and distributing literature not sponsored by the Bruce County Heritage Association except where otherwise approved.
- Refusing to follow verbal or printed instructions or cooperate with the Board of Directors personnel or security.
- Entering restricted areas including but not limited to attraction Danger Zones and behind-the-scenes areas. If you lose an item, report it to Lost and Found.
- Unsolicited photography or video recording that disrupts a guest's experience or interferes with event operations.

Guests are encouraged to report any violations of the Code of Conduct or suspicious activity to the nearest Bruce County Heritage Association personnel or, Security personnel.

Bruce County Heritage Association reserves the right to revise or modify this Code of Conduct with or without notice.

Notice to Parents and Guardians: Teens/Children

Parents or guardians are responsible for the behavior of their minor children. Appropriate behavior and supervision are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and is always expected. We strongly recommend that minors (under 18) be accompanied by an adult. The Bruce County Heritage Association does not assume any responsibility or liability for unattended minors. Parents/guardians may be held legally liable for all acts of the children under their care.

Themed Attire

Family-oriented themed outfits/attire are permitted. Attire must not disrupt regular operations or potentially harm another guest or associate. Attire and accessories must meet the Code of Conduct dress requirements and may not be offensive or violent and may not disrupt the general safety of guests or associates. Costumes that conceal identity are prohibited. Events and attractions may also have additional restrictions on dress attire.

Authority for a Security Officer:

LEGAL AUTHORITIES AND APPLICATION OF LAW BY SECURITY PROFESSIONALS

☐ **Arrest**

☐ **Security Guard's Authority to Make an Arrest** Section 494 of the Criminal Code (Canada)

- Governs when a member of the public can make an arrest. People providing security services are not employed as peace officers. They are treated as members of the public for the determination of powers of arrest. Section 495 governs the arrest of individuals by those employed as police officers.

S 494 (1) **Anyone may arrest** without warrant a person whom he finds committing an indictable offense if, on reasonable grounds, he believes a person

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- Has committed a criminal offense or
- Is escaping from and freshly pursued by persons who have lawful authority to arrest that person

Sec 494(2):

- **Property Owners or Person Authorized by Them.** Anyone who is:

- The owner or a person in lawful possession of property or

☐ **A person authorized by the owner or by a person in lawful possession of property**

- **May arrest** without warrant a person whom he finds committing a criminal offence on or in relation to that property. The Law applies to both – indictable and summary offenses. The Security Guard must follow “finds committing” standard meaning the Security Guard i.e., must catch the person in the act. If someone reports the theft, the Security Guard will not have authority to arrest, even if the accused is on the property.

Trespass to property - Arrest without warrant on premises


(1) A police officer, or the occupier of premises, or a person authorized by the occupier may arrest without warrant any person he or she believes on reasonable and probable grounds to be on the premises in contravention of section 2. R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21, s. 9 (1).

Trespass an offence

Every person who is not acting under a right or authority conferred by law and who, without the express permission of the occupier, the proof of which rests on the defendant,

1. enters on premises when entry is prohibited under this Act, or engages in an activity on premises when the activity is prohibited under this Act; or
2. does not leave the premises immediately after he or she is directed to do so by the occupier of the premises or a person authorized by the occupier, and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000. R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21, s. 2 (1); 2016, c. 8, Sched. 6, s. 1.

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Ezra Miller, Pres.

Notes--This means --Post the code of conduct on our Website and at all entrances and include a link on all tickets for people to be aware and for suitable notice to be given. Any breach of the Code of Conduct then is trespassing, and Security can intervene by demanding they leave. Failure to leave means arrest and turn over to Police. Authorized personnel can hold until Police arrive. You will also need a process of documenting those that have trespassed for the future.

****Hopefully we will never have to use the stiffest of the remedies that we have as a private corporation with private property, but to have the policy in place, and the policy knowledgeably acknowledged by our membership, governs how we deal with situations in a way that keeps us sheltered by law, and not exposed to it

****The path forward, after further input from our security people, the OPP, and our lawyer, is to put a sign at each entrance to the showgrounds that says "Bruce County Heritage Association operates under a code of conduct that can be viewed at www.bruceheritage.com"