

# Introduction and General Rules

These are the rules of Bellingham Makerspace. The board may amend these policies at any time by majority vote in two successive board meetings.

These rules govern our members, and are supplemented by [policies that apply to all members, guests, and visitors](#).

## Structure

The makerspace is a community of dues-paying members with shared interests in making things and using tools. It is lead by a volunteer board, and is organized into volunteer-led interest areas (areas that use common tools or work with similar material, or that wish to achieve a common goal).

The makerspace community is varied and diverse, and that's the way we like it. We welcome anybody who is willing to abide by our [Code of Conduct](#), regardless of gender, age, background, or ability.

## General Rules

1. Be excellent to each other.
2. Leave things better than you found them.
3. Be mindful that this is a shared space, and treat it as such. Be kind, generous, considerate, and efficient.
4. When in doubt, ask someone.

Anything not explicitly defined in this handbook is fair game for improvement. If you can achieve rough consensus from staff and a viable proof of concept, then we'll give it a try.

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