

## **AEA Discussion Forum code of conduct/terms of service**

1. The Forum operates under the
  - a. wider AEA Privacy Policy
  - b. AEA website terms and conditions.
2. Respect other Forum members
  - a. Be courteous and professional
  - b. Share knowledge and provide sources when appropriate
  - c. Behaviour that abuses, threatens, harasses or misleads other Forum members is not tolerated.
3. Keep threads organised by
  - a. Using descriptive subject lines to make threads easy to follow and scan
  - b. Keeping thread on topic
  - c. Checking for open topics before posting a new topic.
4. Moderation—because this Forum is associated with a professional organisation it is lightly moderated. Forum members can help by
  - a. Notifying moderators of posts that violate the code of conduct
  - b. Not engaging with disruptive Forum members.
5. No advertising, spam, or links to advertising or spam are permitted.
  - a. Advertising or spam is defined as posting a link for the purpose of selling, soliciting or promoting something.
  - b. Members may use the [AEA Bulletin](#) to place paid advertisements for employment/grant/fellowship opportunities or other items that are relevant to the Australasian Epidemiology community.
  - c. Sharing of links to helpful and relevant web sites and resources is allowed if they are not used for a promotional purpose.
6. Privacy—protect your privacy and that of others. Do not post private communications such as emails, Private Messages (PM), chat logs from other sources without prior permission from all involved parties.
7. Intellectual property—participation in this Forum does not transfer intellectual property or property rights between AEA, Forum members or visitors, or any third parties. This includes all rights, titles copyrights and interest in and to such property.
8. Bandwidth—all images and signatures must be 500 x 500 pixels or smaller. Posts containing oversized images and signatures will be removed.
9. Illegal content—no posting or re-posting of adult or illegal content is allowed. Copyrighted materials may be posted provided posting does not violate the terms of the copyright.
10. Liability— AEA and the Forum disclaims any responsibility for
  - a. any harm resulting from the use by Forum members or visitors of the Forum, or from any downloading or use of posted content
  - b. any viruses or malware that may result from Forum use.
11. Consequences of unacceptable behaviour—at the discretion of the moderators
  - a. Posts that are off-topic may be moved to existing or new threads
  - b. Posts that violate the code of conduct will be deleted
  - c. Accounts of Forum members who violate the code of conduct may be deleted.
12. Grievances—grievances are managed by Forum administrators and moderators. If the grievance involves AEA policies or procedures, the relevant AEA Council member may be involved.

This AEA Forum Code of Conduct version 1.0 took effect September 2019 and is subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of Forum members to ensure they are aware of the latest version.