

The Traceside Email Group Guidelines

For some time now we have really needed some rules or guidelines as to what can be posted on the email group. This is an attempt to do that without going so far as to censor people's ideas and opinions. It is primarily an attempt to (1) set out who is eligible for membership in the group (2) set out a few rules regarding solicitation and spamming on the group, and (3) address the problem of people being rude, sarcastic and posting remarks that are inflammatory or might be considered a "personal attack" on another poster.

We hope you understand and will support these guidelines – they are for everybody's benefit.

Who May Join this Group

Membership shall be limited to one homeowner per family as well as one additional person from the household, i.e., husband/wife, significant other, life partner or long-term roommate. If a roommate who has signed up for the group should leave, it will be the remaining resident's responsibility to notify us of the move so that person can be removed from the group.

Solicitations Via the Email Group:

- You may announce that you have an item for sale on the email group on behalf of yourself or your family, however, solicitations on behalf of people who do not live in Traceside on the email group are prohibited.
- You may not post and repost the same message regarding the sale of a product, item or a service. Continuous posting of items and services for sale is spam.

Behavior on the Email Group

- Any comments of a derogatory nature regarding another person, their lifestyle, religion or politics are prohibited.
- Any comments that can be construed as a "personal attack" on another member regarding a post he/she might have made, are prohibited. A response to a person's post should be respectful even if you are in disagreement.

The penalty for derogatory comments and personal attacks shall be as follows:

- After the first time, the person posting derogatory comments or personal attacks shall have all future posts moderated - that is, they will be inspected for inflammatory remarks before they reach the entire group.

- If the behavior continues, said poster will be purged from the group as nobody has the time nor the inclination to monitor continuous troublesome posts that offend people.

These rules are not meant to be censorship. You can post pretty much what you want to post, however, these rules are intended to ensure that simple courtesy and respect are observed on the email group so that everybody feels comfortable posting their ideas, opinions and concerns.