



## Clark Workplace Civility Index<sup>©</sup>

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To complete the index, consider the 20 statements listed below. Read each statement carefully. Using a scale of 1- 5; (5) always, (4) usually, (3) sometimes, (2) rarely, (1) never, select the response that most accurately represents the frequency of each behavior by asking yourself...

### How often do I...

	Always (5)	Usually (4)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (2)	Never (1)
1. Assume goodwill and think the best of others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Include and welcome new and current colleagues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Communicate respectfully (by e-mail, telephone, face-to-face) and really listen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Avoid gossip and spreading rumors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Keep confidences and respect others' privacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Encourage, support, and mentor others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Avoid abusing my position or authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Always (5)	Usually (4)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (2)	Never (1)
8. Use respectful language (no racial, ethnic, sexual, age, or religiously biased terms)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Attend meetings, arrive on time, participate, volunteer, and do my share	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Avoid distracting others (misusing media, side conversations) during meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Avoid taking credit for someone else's ideas/work/contributions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Acknowledge others and praise their ideas/work/contributions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Take personal responsibility and accountability for my actions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Speak directly to the person with whom I have an issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. Share pertinent or important information with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Uphold the vision, mission, and values of my organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Seek and encourage constructive feedback from others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. Demonstrate approachability, flexibility, and openness to other points of view	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. Bring my 'A' Game and a strong work ethic to my workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. Apologize and mean it when the situation calls for it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subtotal					
Add the scores for each column; Enter your TOTAL score in the column to the right					

### Scoring the Clark Workplace Civility Index®

90-100: Very civil  
80-89: Civil  
70-79: Moderately civil

60-69: Mildly civil  
50-59: Uncivil  
Less than 50: Very uncivil



# BE AWARE....and Care

**Bullying:** is the purposeful attempt to control another person through verbal abuse - which can be in tone of voice or in content such as teasing or threats, exclusion, or physical violence. Bullying is the most common type of violence in contemporary US society and can exist at any level of an organization. Bullies can be superiors, subordinates, and colleagues.

**Exists:** in the home, the school, and the workplace. If an environment does not uphold high standards for the way people treat each other, then bullying may be more likely and/or prevalent. Bullying is a real problem in nursing and can become a major issue if it's ignored or unchecked. It can lead to a loss of valuable human capital and medical errors.

**Acknowledge:** that bullying may be a problem in your organization. Nurse leaders should talk about bullying and encourage staff to speak up and be heard if it does happen. The more it's acknowledged, the more you can do about it. Leaders that minimize its impact or deny its existence create a culture of silence that impedes solutions to this problem.

**Watch:** for the signs of the bullying throughout the workplace. Be sure supervisors and managers know how to recognize the signs of bullying. Don't wait for it to be brought to your attention.

**Act:** when you notice signs of bullying by directly intervening, and /or getting help. Bullies lose their power when people stop passively accepting their behavior. Refuse to be a silent bystander. It is everyone's responsibility to have the courage to play a key role to prevent and stop bullying. Get involved and take a stand against this issue.

**Reflect:** on the incident and your action. Reflect on what was perceived to go wrong and start to reflect on what worked well, and why. Analyzing the incident may help you to:

- "reflect-on-action" (past experience),
- "reflect-in-action" (as an incident happens), and
- "reflect-for-action" (actions you may wish to take in future experiences).

**Empower:** staff to collectively and safely respond to bullying they see and hear. Create a mechanism for staff to confidentially report bullying issues in the workplace without fear of retaliation.

## ... and Care

Definition: noun \ 'ker \ : effort made to do something correctly, safely, or without causing damage; things that are done to keep someone healthy, safe; painstaking or watchful attention

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