

GDAC Member's Code of Conduct

1. We agree to conduct ourselves with professionalism, dignity and kindness in working towards our goal of protecting our environment and community. We agreed to treat others with respect at all times, even those with differing opinions.
2. We acknowledge that each individual group member in their actions and speech, represent the coalition as a whole, and therefore are reminded to be mindful in speaking and acting in a manner that professionally and respectfully represents the group as a whole.
3. We recognize that the topic of natural gas drilling in our area has been misrepresented by individuals on both sides of the issue, pro and con drilling, with regard to facts and truth. Sometimes this issue has been guided by rhetoric, rumor, hearsay and inflammatory comments that have not been helpful in disseminating truth. In this regard, we acknowledge we will seek out the truth, do diligent research and study, and are willing to back up all statements with legitimate references from those more knowledgeable than ourselves, and who have studied these matters in question.
4. In matters representing our Mission statement, we are free to pursue individual methods of achieving our goals, providing the end does not justify a means which violates these principles. In other words, as long as we remain ethical, informed, and respectful, we can work individually to protect our environment and community from the hazards of natural gas drilling.
5. If we are in doubt with regard to our conduct or speech in representing this cause on behalf of the group, we commit to seeking guidance from our fellow group members, and coming together to build a consensus before acting.
6. We agree to work diligently, and to the best of our ability in fulfilling our Mission statement. We also agree to take responsibility for all of our actions.
7. We agree to uphold these principles of conduct as the only membership requirement in the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition. If we cannot abide by these principles, we agree to inform the other members of this group that we wish to resign from membership in this coalition.