

## **Toolkit Title**

Create a Respectful Environment

## Purpose of Toolkit

Respect is the groundwork needed to create a psychologically safe environment for people to speak up and listen to one another

### **Toolkit Methodology and Application**

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# CREATE A RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT

#### #foundation #intrapersonal #interpersonal

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A CONTACT BOUNDARY.

Negotiate at the BOUNDARY

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#### **CREATE A RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT**

When to use: In all conversations, but especially during difficult ones

How to use:

- 1. Be mindful of the contact boundary of the other person, in terms of physical or emotional space.
- 2. Ask for permission to approach the other person for a conversation. For e.g, ask "Do you have 10 minutes to talk about..." Avoid assuming where their contact boundaries lie.
- Be ready to take 'no' for an answer, and negotiate by providing a counter-offer. "How about I come back later?"
- 4. We will know that we have breached someone's contact boundary when we observe a change in their behavior. For e.g., the other party stops eye contact, flinches away from you or does a sudden movement.
- 5. If so, gently step out, and negotiate for permission to step back in.