

# RELIGIOUS CONDUCT ON CAMPUS

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**Being a part of a religious faith community can be a great source of support for college students.** Many such groups exist on the University of AZ campus. Most are helpful, ethical, and have the best interests of students at heart.

Unfortunately, incidents of religious practices gone awry sometimes do occur. Listed below are several warning signs.

## RED FLAGS

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<b>Religious Stalking</b>	<i>Warning Signs:</i> Persistent unwanted door knocks, phone calls, or hanging around your living space, means people have crossed boundaries. You have the right to say "No", and that should be respected.
<b>Invasiveness</b>	<i>Warning Signs:</i> Attempts to gain inappropriate personal, financial, sexual, and/or emotional information about/from you.
<b>Deception</b>	<i>Warning Signs:</i> Failure to clearly identify themselves. A religious group's identity, affiliation, and advertising should be unambiguous, with beliefs and practices transparent. For example, 'surveys,' 'contests,' and other recruitment methods should identify the organization and the full purpose of the contest/event.
<b>Pressure</b>	<i>Warning Signs:</i> Pressure to not date or associate with others outside the religious group; to lie to or disengage from your family and/or religious community; or to avoid other campus activities and groups.
<b>Shame</b>	<i>Warning Signs:</i> Religious groups who say that if you don't join their group, give money, or spend time with them, then you don't really love God.

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### ***PLEASE REPORT improper or questionable incidents to:***

- Dean of Students (621-7059)
- Your RA or Hall Director
- University Religious Council (623-1692)
- If in danger call UA Police Department at 911

**A diversity of religious groups exists on campus. While the goal is not theological conformity, ALL religious groups should strive for:**

- **Respect** for students, faculty, and staff
- **Highest standards** of honesty in advertising and transparency of intent
- Greatest amount of **civility** toward one another