CONTACT (NEGIA)

What Constitutes Negia

Unrelated people of one gender may not generally have intimate physical contact with members of the opposite gender (*negia*). The prohibited types of contact are any that express affection or promote interpersonal relationships or intimacy. *Negia* does not apply to:

For Males--mother, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, and other descendants and antecedents.

For Females--father, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, and other descendants and antecedents.

Non-Intimate Contact between Men and Women

Non-intimate contact is permissible between men and women--even if the two people are related or have a close personal relationship (except a husband and wife when she is a *nida*).

EXAMPLES

- Doctor and patient.
- Massage therapist and patient.
- Lifeguard and swimmer.
- A Jewish *man* may catch a Jewish girl or woman on the flying trapeze.

  REASON This is not intimate contact.

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