

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.