

REL - A Protocol for Building Relationships

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How to Use This Protocol

This is a protocol designed to be used by partners in a relationship. It contains shared terms that both you and your partner should follow, as well as personal terms that only apply to one of you. The terms listed in this template may not apply to you, so feel free to customise them.

In addition, all paragraphs enclosed with square brackets (e.g. [this is a comment]) are not part of the protocol and are non-binding. They are there to provide context, clarify things, or produce humour (your choice).

Effective Duration

This protocol is effective from YYYY/MM/DD 00:00 to YYYY/MM/DD 23:59 (timezone).

Both you and your partner agree to abide by this protocol unless any of you breaches it.

Shared Terms (Applies to Both Parties)

0x00 Consumption and Paying checks

- A. All your acts of consumption must not exceed your individual budget, which is always less or equal to your income. [A reasonable amount of savings is recommended]
- B. When both you and your partner are present in an act of consumption, you will split the check equally by default, unless any one of you objects, in which case you shall negotiate the split [e.g. splitting by individual consumption].

0x01 Personal Freedom

- A. You have the right and freedom to choose your social circles (i.e. people you interact with).
- B. If you are going to participate in an activity, you have no right to force your partner into coming with you.

- C. Conversely, if your partner is going to participate in an activity, you have no right to force them to bring you along.

0x02 Physical Intimacy

- A. Any physical intimacy requires the consent of both you and your partner. A single consent remains effective for 12 hours, unless one of the following happens:
 - a. Either you or your partner objects vocally
 - b. You remain out of range of physical contact for a continuous duration of 15 minutes.

0x03 Substance Use

- A. The use of any psychoactive or addictive substance (e.g. alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis, etc.) is strictly prohibited. The only exceptions are the following:
 - a. Melatonin
 - b. Caffeine
 - c. [Catnip]

[Even with the allowed substance, moderate usage is recommended]
- B. When having any form of contact with your partner, you may assume they are not under the influence of any of the substances prohibited by <0x03-A>.

0x04 Identity and Privacy

- A. You may not use your partner's electronic devices without prior permission. When using those devices, only features included in the permission may be accessed.
- B. Your partner has no obligation to tell you the passwords to their devices.
- C. Impersonation (using your partner's identity) under any circumstances is prohibited unless with prior permission from your partner.
- D. You may not publicise without permission your partner's messaging history, photos, audio/video recording, unpublished creative work, or computer code etc.

0x05 Playing Games

- A. All terms in this section apply when you are playing a game in which your partner is also involved.
- B. You may not forfeit the game without all or all but one player agrees to forfeit.
- C. You may not forfeit the game for personal reasons [e.g. lack of skill].
- D. You may propose to forfeit only once per game.

- E. You may not use inflammatory speech when swaying others into forfeiting.
- F. You may modify your previous actions in a board game only if all the following are true:
 - a. The modifications do not affect other players.
 - b. The modifications do not depend on any information revealed after the old actions are done.
 - c. In turn-based games, you may not modify your actions more than one turn earlier.
 - d. No other player objects.

Personal Terms

[... Add your personal terms here ...]