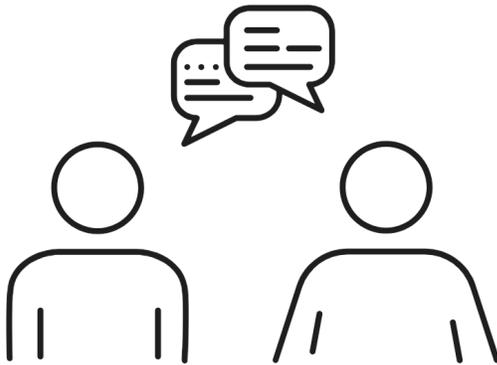


How To

Spark a Conversation

Strong communities start with simple hellos. A short, kind interaction can grow into trust, support, and safety over time.



🌟 Golden Rules 🌟

- ★ **Be genuine.**
- ★ **Respect personal space.**
- ★ **Let conversations grow naturally.**
- ★ **There may be different cultural norms at play — don't take it personally.**
- ★ **Not everyone is ready right away — and that's okay.**
- ★ **Do not pressure for contact info.**

Say Hi to Your Neighbour

- ❖ “Hi! I'm your neighbour [your name] — I don't think we've met yet.”
- ❖ “How long have you lived in the area?”
- ❖ “What do you like most about the neighbourhood?”

Make a Connection

- ❖ “Your garden looks amazing — any tips?”
- ❖ “Have you checked out the local park/events yet?”
- ❖ “I always see you walking your dog — what's their name?”
- ❖ “Have you tried out [local restaurant/cafe]? - they have the best [insert item here].”

Other Ways to Break the Ice

- ❖ **Offer Help:** Offer to help carry heavy items or let them know you have tools/ladder that they can borrow.
- ❖ **Ask for Advice:** Ask about local, trusted service providers (e.g., plumbers, landscapers) or for recommendations for nearby restaurants.
- ❖ **Be Visible & Approachable:** Spend time in your front yard, on the porch, or walking your dog. Wave when you see your neighbour.

If the Chat Feels Awkward — *Totally Normal!*

- ✓ Smile
- ✓ Keep it short
- ✓ End kindly: “Nice meeting you — see you around!”