

## Text Buddy Code of Conduct

You will be matched with a “Text Buddy”, who is another guy in the program you can text back and forth with. Buddies will not know each other in person and will be from different parts of the United States. The hope is that Text Buddies will provide support to each other and talk about things that you are learning in the program.

To protect your privacy, all of the text messages will go through the program so that your Text Buddy does not see your actual phone number.

You will be able to text your Text Buddy during the 6 weeks of the program, and up to 2 weeks after the program ends.

We’re sure you will be a great Buddy, but to make sure that we’re all on the same page, here are the ground rules:

- Be supportive and kind
- Have fun
- Talk about whatever sensitive stuff you are comfortable sharing
- Don’t pressure your buddy to share things he’s not ready to share or talk about
- Don’t bully or harass your buddy. Don’t discriminate against your buddy
- Be respectful. You don’t have to agree all of the time, but you need to respect your differences
- Don’t start a sexual relationship with your buddy. This is a friendship support line. If you guys have some chemistry, then you can explore it after the program is over

Examples of Text Buddy Code of Conduct violations include:

- Saying or doing mean or nasty things that are intended to make the other person feel upset, afraid, ashamed, or embarrassed
- Treating the other person unfairly because of their race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. Racial slurs are definitely out
- Sending unwanted messages. If your buddy has made it clear he doesn’t want you to message him about something, then don’t
- Promoting illegal activities

If the Code of Conduct rules are broken, you will receive a warning. If the rules are broken a second time, you will no longer be able to use the Text Buddy system.

To make sure that Buddies are engaging healthfully, messages will be monitored.

In the beginning, we ask that you don't share your phone number with your buddy. At the end of the program, if you guys want to keep in touch, that's great. We'll send you a text message when it's okay to swap numbers.

If it's not working out, you can ask for a new buddy at any time. Just contact Tonya and let her know that you would like a new match and she will match you to another buddy (if there is another buddy available).

If you have any questions or do not understand the Code of Conduct, please contact Tonya.

By clicking "I agree", you acknowledge you have read and understand the Code of Conduct and agree to follow the Code of Conduct rules.