

Elections

Code of conduct for political parties

All parties that stand for election have to agree to obey the following rules. If a party or any of its members break these rules, the party can be stopped from working in an area or can even be banned from the elections.

Do not

- use violence or threats against anyone who supports another party
- remove or destroy another party's posters, banners or other media
- disrupt another party's public meeting
- stop other parties from canvassing and campaigning in any area
- threaten or stop people from attending meetings of other parties
- force people to join your party, attend your meetings or donate money
- force people to support any of your campaigns or actions
- spread false rumours about another party
- use violent language or tell people to use violence against any party or person
- have meetings nearby and on the same day as the meetings of other parties
- carry weapons or arms during political events

Do

- encourage members of your party to be politically tolerant
- condemn political violence
- support the right of all parties to campaign freely
- inform the proper authorities of all planned rallies, marches and meetings
- actively work in all the IEC liaison structures
- co-operate with the police in their investigation of election violence and crime
- make sure women participate in every part of the elections

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