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Etiquette Newz.....From an Urban
Perspective

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Greetings,

There is no doubt the need for good manners is great in today's American culture. What's more disturbing is the disintegration in the manners of Black children who ten years ago would have never disrespected their parents in any way. This rapid decline has led to many young African American men and women ill-equipped to enter and thrive in the workplace.

In the past, etiquette was reserved for the elite and wealthy, leaving most urban youth locked outside the door of social decorum.

Consequently, in today's urban culture, millionaires are made overnight, and despite their sudden financial elevation, they are unable to adjust to the social practices beyond their own neighborhoods.

UrbanPolish is a new monthly etiquette newsletter published by UrbanGirlz, Inc. to expose the urban community to domestic and international etiquette protocol.

Each month UrbanGirlz Publisher and top etiquette experts will share rules on dining, business etiquette, image etiquette and much more.

I pray it will be a blessing to everyone who reads it!

Lady Trenette Wilson

Ask Lady Trenette

Can you address your boss by his/her first name?

Yes and no. It really depends on relationship. Unless invited, it is standard protocol to address your supervisor by Mr., Ms., or Mrs. if married. In business, rank is extremely important. You will be viewed as disrespectful if you don't adhere to common business etiquette rules. Do you have an etiquette question? Submit your question to ladies@urbangirlz.org and get it posted in the next *UrbanPolish*.



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Did you know...

When shaking hands, the grip should not last more

Gift Giving *Tips*

With Christmas around the corner, it's a good idea to brush up on your gift giving etiquette skillz....

Children - Books, games, and cute tote bags for girls are all great gifts for kids. Stay away from loud and messy gifts, their parents will thank you for it.

Teenagers - Teenagers want gift cards. Nothing says I love you like money in the eyes of teenagers. Make sure to read the rules that apply to the card usage including deadlines and limits.

Parents/Grandparents - At this stage of their lives, older people are not preoccupied with gaining possessions, but instead something of personal meaning packs a lot more punch. Great Christmas ideas include photo albums, trips and time with family.

A NOTE ABOUT RETURNING GIFTS.....

There will be times you may have to return a gift...Remember, if it is monogrammed or specifically made for you, keep it. Also, close family and friends who visit often want to see their present displayed on your mantle.

In all other instances such as: the gift is too big or the wrong color, exchange the gift discreetly.

than three seconds, or include more than three pumps.

Great Etiquette Read....

[A Lady at the Table](#)
by: Sheryl Shade

Etiquette Quote

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.
~Author Unknown

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