



Conduct in the Chamber and Grand Committee

Do

- Bow to the Cloth of Estate behind the Throne on entering the Chamber (not on leaving) and bow to the Mace as it passes.
- Leave the Chamber quietly and avoid passing between the Woolsack (or the Chair) and any member who is speaking.
- Be discreet when using mobile devices, and always make sure they are set to silent.
- If speaking, be present at least for the opening and winding-up speeches, and the speeches before and after yours, and if there is a speakers' list put your name down to speak.
- Ask short supplementary questions at question time, with a maximum of two points, and don't read the text. Ministerial answers to oral questions should be no more than 75 words.
- Sit down when the Lord Speaker or Deputy on the Woolsack or in the Chair rises to put the Question or to call on an item of business, or when a member of the Government front bench seeks to advise the House about proceedings.

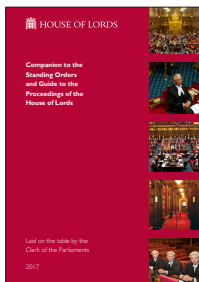
Don't

- Hold intrusive private conversations anywhere in the Chamber.
- Move around the Chamber when the Lord Speaker or Deputies are on their feet, or walk between the Woolsack and the Table.
- Speak from a gangway or the bishops' benches (unless you are a bishop).
- Bring in any material except papers related to the debate, or seek to use exhibits.
- Say "you" when speaking in debate (say "the noble Lord/Baroness" etc.).
- Shout down other members, particularly those who may not be able to make themselves heard easily.

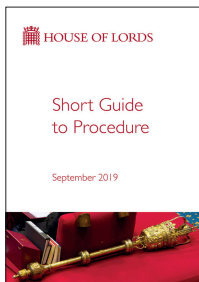
Further information

Further written information is available from offices in the House and from these publications, which are all available online and from the Printed Paper Office:

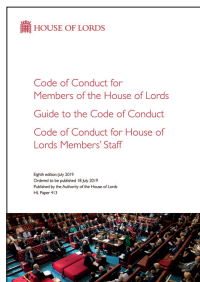
Companion to the Standing Orders



Short Guide to Procedure



Code of Conduct and Guide to the Code



Staff are available to provide detailed advice on:

Amendments (tabling, moving, speaking to, effect of groupings etc.):

Legislation Office – 1st Floor, West Front, x3153

Questions and motions (tabling admissibility, procedure in the Chamber):

Table Office – Principal floor, West Front, x3036

Scheduling business and groupings:

Government Whips' Office – Principal Floor, West Front, x1113

Registering and declaring interests:

Registrar of Lords' Interests – 1st Floor, West Front, x3120