



INCIDENT PREVENTION GUIDELINES

MADTA Policy # 01

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Prevention is the key to safe, incident free, classes. The following guidelines will be followed by all MADTA students, members and non-members.

1. All dogs must be on leash at all times inside or outside of the building unless you are working with a trainer on off-leash exercises in a ring. This policy will be strictly enforced. Students will keep dogs on short leashes and give other participants plenty of space when coming in and out of the building through the doorways or in crowded areas.
2. Upon arrival and after check-in, students will move out of the traffic areas and on to their respective training area.
3. Socializing between handlers should be conducted outside the building in non-traffic areas.
4. Conflict between dogs is inappropriate behavior. If an instructor observes such behavior he or she should intervene and assist the handlers to alleviate the situation.
5. If a dog has difficulty behaving appropriately with other dogs, people or is territorial about space, it will be required to wear a red bandana or yellow ribbon while at MADTA. Yellow ribbon is available from your instructor at MADTA. Students are required to inform their instructors if their dog lunges or barks at other dogs or people, or is fearful. In such cases, instructors will consider providing barriers or whatever is necessary to maintain the safety of students and dogs.
6. If a bite or attack is witnessed, the handler and offending dog will be asked to suspend training and leave the training area.
7. All incidents, whether dog on dog, dog on human, or human on human, will be recorded on the incident report form by the instructor (or other person in charge) and will be submitted to the Board of Directors for review and disposition.
8. Class refunds will be considered based on the refund policy.

NOTE: Instructors will read these Incident Prevention Guidelines at the first class of each session. These Guidelines will be posted at MADTA for all students in classes, run-throughs, and open floor.