

## Rehat Maryada

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### What is the Rehat Maryada?

This document is the Official Sikh Code of Conduct. There were a number of unsuccessful attempts in the eighteenth century following the death of Guru Gobind Singh to produce an accurate portrayal of Sikh conduct and customs. These attempts were contradictory and inconsistent with many of the principles of the Gurus and were not accepted by the majority of Sikhs. Starting early this century in 1931 an attempt was made by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (S.G.P.C.) to produce a modern standard Rehit. These efforts involved the greatest Sikh scholars and theologians of this century who worked to produce the current version. The document produced has been accepted as the official version which provides guidelines against which all Sikh individuals and communities around the world can measure themselves. The Rehat Maryada is the only version authorized by the Akal Takht, the seat of supreme temporal authority for Sikhs. Its implementation has successfully achieved a high level of uniformity in the religious and social practices of Sikhism.



## Rehat Maryada The Code of Sikh Conduct and Conventions

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Excerpt from Mission Statement of Translator (Kulraj Singh):

Producing an English version of the Sikh Rehat Maryada with the object of promoting uniformity in the Sikh conduct and observances in the interest of deeper religious cohesion, the Sikh Rehat Maryada, as the ensuing preface to the original Punjabi text will show is the product of collective Panthic wisdom. What is more, some of the greatest Sikh scholars and savants of all times contributed to it and deliberated on its content. So this work should take precedence on any sectional beliefs and preferences. In a wider context, the content of the Rehat Maryada should be taken as the final word as to the matters they deal with. That will foster panthic cohesion.

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