

SAṄGHA REGULATIONS IN THIS MONASTERY

1. Bhikkhus and novices are not to make requests unless the people are relatives or have made an invitation (to ask for things), and should not make associations with householders or with people ordained outside of the Buddha-sāsana.
2. Do not speak about or study worldly pursuits (lit. ‘animal knowledge’), tell lucky numbers, make holy water, give out medicines, tell fortunes, or make or distribute various kinds of auspicious items (e.g. amulets).
3. Bhikkhus with less than 5 vassa cannot go travelling alone, unaccompanied, unless there is a necessary reason, or unless there is an appropriate Ajahn travelling with them.
4. When you want to do something, consult with the Saṅgha or the head of the Saṅgha beforehand. When it is seen as being in line with Dhamma-Vinaya, then it can be done. Don't do things on your own authority.
5. Be glad for the dwelling that the Saṅgha has arranged for you, and keep the kuṭi clean and well-swept. Keep the path to the kuṭi clear.
6. When work arises for the Saṅgha, we do it together. When we stop, we stop together. Don't make yourself a nuisance to the community, i.e. someone deceitful and fraudulent, avoiding, evading, and making excuses for yourself.
7. When eating almsfood, storing the bowl, washing the bowl, sweeping the monastery, drawing water, bathing, setting up the eating hall, dying robes, listening to a Dhamma talk – in all of these – don't chat with others, but try to do that work in a really true way.
8. When finished eating, sweep and tidy the eating hall together, before paying respects together. Then quietly take your requisites back to your kuṭi.
9. Make yourself a person intent on little with regard to speaking, eating, sleeping and boisterousness. Be someone who lives with persistence aroused, and help look after sick bhikkhus and novices with kindness.
10. Do not accept silver and gold (money), and do not have others keep it for you. Do not buy, sell, trade or exchange goods.
11. When offerings accrue to this community, they are all kept in a central store. When a monk wants something, with the Saṅgha's approval it will be given to him in line with what is appropriate.
12. Do not chat together in groups throughout the day and night all over the place, or even in your kuṭi, unless there is a necessary reason, and even so, don't be ‘socialites’ laughing and making a scene. No smoking or chewing betel nut.
13. Sending or receiving letters, or documents, or other materials beyond the monastery requires the notification of the Saṅgha or the head of the Saṅgha every time. When the Saṅgha or the head of the Saṅgha sees that it is appropriate, then sending or receiving is possible.
14. Bhikkhus and novices who would like to come to this monastery to practice must first have a letter of recommendation from their preceptor and must bring their *bai-suddhi* beforehand; then it may be possible.
15. Visiting monks and novices coming to stay must show their *bai-suddhi* to the Saṅgha or the head of the Saṅgha on the first night. They can arrange to stay for a period not exceeding 3 nights, unless there is a necessary reason.

When anyone disobeys these Saṅgha regulations, the Saṅgha has full authority to deal with the matter.