Guide to Proper Etiquette at Fast Food Restaurants

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- Don't start to talk loudly. This will upset other customers that you don't know. Respect.
- Don't talk to yourself when out with friends, unless you are known to do this.
**Introduction**

Fast Food restaurants share similar formats and functions of production for their customers in order to serve people better. These are created for efficient and fast access to ordering food and eating. But what kind of characteristics and relations do these offer for a paying customer?

With fourteen chapters in point form, this step-by-step guide gives you the experience of being the perfect Fast Food customer. The instructions that you will read comment on proper habit, behavior, and relations that one could present to another person. Proper etiquette is necessary when communicating and relating to others in the public.

This guide can be used worldwide by any person interested in the socialization of Fast Food culture.

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**Chapter 1 - Using the Drive-Thru System**

- **Reasons:**
  - You can use this system for the following:
    - 1) If you do not want to physically enter the restaurant.
    - 2) If you do not want to stand to wait in line.
    - 3) If there are slow drivers, or if staff is slow.
    - 4) If you do not want to come into contact with the cashier when speaking to him/her.
    - 5) If the other driver behind you is slow.
    - 6) If you are children and are waiting for your order, you do not know what you want. This shows that you are exploiting the company. Try to open it from inside your bag.

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**Chapter 9 - Meeting New People**

- When eating alone, people will occupy an empty space you are eating with people that you know. Think about your friendship.
- You can buy something from the menu for a paying customer.
- After you are done ordering, don't wait at the side window in the drive-thru box, if there are slow drivers, or if staff is slow. This shows that you are exploiting the company. Try to open it from inside your bag.
- Don't make a loud noise and be prepared to order when it is your turn.
- Stare at the cashier when speaking to him/her, and the other drivers behind you.
- Some restaurants have public phones either near the side window in the drive-thru, if there are slow drivers, or if staff is slow.
- Never pull up to the speaker box and claim that you are going to the back of the line.
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  - 3) If you do not want to wait in line.
  - 4) If you do not want to come into contact with the cashier when speaking to him/her.

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**Chapter 12 - Using the Washroom**

- You can use this system for the following:
  - 1) If you do not want to stand to wait in line.
  - 2) If you do not want to physically enter the restaurant.
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**Chapter 14 - Leaving**

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**Notes on Etiquette**

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Chapter 14-Leaving

- Don't forget any of your belongings.
- Don't take an oversize amount of napkins and take off. People might think that you don't have enough money to buy napkins when you go grocery shopping. This looks strange.
- Hold the outside door open for people in need if there are any around you at that moment you are there.

Chapter 13-Using a Public Phone

- Be as clear as possible. Sometimes this is very tricky because the speaker box offers a muffled response. This is the biggest problem of using the drive-thru system and is mostly why people get out of their vehicle and enter the restaurant to order. Technological miscommunication is always annoying because it is unpredictable.
- Don't hit the box if you are angry.
- After you are done ordering, don't wait at the speaker box with your vehicle. Pull up to the window where you will be given your ordered food or drink.
- Usually the customer pays before receiving the food or drink. Don't take forever counting your change at this window. Even though the cashier appears to be waiting patiently for you, he/she is actually annoyed with your behavior but is not allowed to show it because it can jeopardize his/her job. Respect.
- Count your money prior to pulling up to the side window.
- When you have received your food, do not remain stationary with your vehicle and start to eat or drink. This shows that you do not have manners.

- Don't forget to do this:
  - If you do not want to physically enter the restaurant and talk on your cell phone because you are famished and must eat immediately, you can park your vehicle at the nearest empty parking spot and eat or drink. You can park
  - Your change. Many forget to do this.
  - And you close the phone. Remember to take back

- Think of other drivers.
- Think of your appearance and
  - They don't have any food of their own at that
- They see another driver eating while
  - The road is not as common to see people eat while
  - You are eating.
  - This will cause envy in other drivers on
driving. This will cause envy in other drivers on
  - Eating.
  - Many people drive away and drink water, juice,
Chapter 12-Using the Washroom

-Don't walk into the restaurant and use the washroom. This is usually done on highway stops. This shows that you are only exploiting the company and not contributing to it.

-If you use the washroom, buy something from the menu.

-Make sure you understand and know how to flush effectively after using the washroom.

-Be as clear as possible. Sometimes this is very necessary when communicating and relating to staff.

-If you believe that drive-thru is faster. This is also best if you do not know what you want. This shows that you are considering their words and what they are asking of you. You are responsible for throwing out or recycling your left-overs after a meal. If you spot waste time repeating a question to you. This will cause envy that you have what you want and eat or drink.

-Don't call staff by their names when addressing them. This will thank you for showing respect and being polite.

-People might think that you don't have to pay with change, start counting it in line, doesn't appear to bother anyone, unless you have a fear of germs. Many people prefer not to sit on the toilet and also prefer not to touch the flusher with their hands. An alternative here is using the paper provided to touch things. Some people will also flush with their shoes. Urinals are easier to use because everything is automatic. Recently, some toilets have also been engineered to be automatic.

-Always wash your hands with soap. If the restaurant is out of soap, wash your hands at least twice with hot water. When exiting the area, let staff know that the washroom is out of soap.

Chapter 2-Walking into the Restaurant

-Don't barge into the restaurant as if you are running from someone. Don't make "an entrance" because this will stop conversations and people will turn toward you with curious and annoyed brows.

-You should walk in casually. This is always best in order to show that it is a usual spot for you to come for food or drink. This is also best if you do not want to attract attention.

-If there is an adult with a stroller, a person in a wheelchair, an injured person, or an elderly person, it is courteous to hold the door open for them if they wish to access it. Always put others in need before yourself when you are in the public.

-Don't stand in the doorway of the restaurant to keep warm. Staff may believe you are homeless and kick you out.

-Don't stand in front of the doorway of the restaurant and smoke. Depending on which Fast Food place you go to, there should be a designated zone for smokers. Go to this zone.
3) Contribute to their appetite by giving them what they are asking for.

4) Contribute to their appetite by giving them what they are asking for in exchange for something. Negotiation may benefit both of you.

-If giving money, don’t show them your wallet at any expense. Try to open it from inside your bag to take out the amount of money you are looking for. Many people keep change in their pockets so it is just a matter of reaching in and pulling out the amount of money you are looking for. Don’t take out all of your change as this can cause the homeless to see what you have and they may want it all.

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Chapter 3 - Waiting in Line and Ordering

- Wait in line to order.
- Don’t cut in line...unless you are looking for trouble.

-People usually will view the menu and plan out what they want to order while waiting in line. If you already planned out what you want to order before stepping in line, use this time to think about another important matter that concerns you in your life. This is usually visible in people who stare at nothing for a period of time without blinking.

-Don’t pick you nose, ears, or scratch yourself while waiting in line.

-Don’t talk extremely loud if you are talking to either yourself or someone else in line. This will annoy people especially because they can’t move in order to reserve their place in the line. Also, you shouldn’t be talking to yourself in public.

-Don’t look at other people while waiting in line with a menacing stare.

-Make sure you understand and know how to speak the language at the designated Fast Food restaurant you are currently in. Waiting in line is not your living room.

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Chapter 10 - Coming into Contact with the Homeless

The situation:

There are 4 strategies to consider in your current role:

-Cooperating willingly with them. Be very careful you’ll know they are anoyed if you don’t. If the OCD becomes increasingly repetitive, don’t run immediately. You never know what they will say to you or ask of you. They will say to you or ask of you. They will say to you or ask of you.

-Count your money prior to pulling up to the side speaker box with your vehicle. Pull up to the side and not contributing to it.

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Chapter 9 - Meeting New People

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Chapter 4 - Waiting for your Food or Drink at the Restaurant

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Chapter 9-Meeting New People

- This is most likely to happen if you are alone.

- If you appear to have found love, try your best at meeting this person. Sit near their table, not at their table immediately. Try to face them and look at them and smile and see if they look back continuously at you. Try to engage in a conversation if possible. If none of these work out, the person isn’t interested. This individual might also believe you are crazy so be very careful with your actions here.

- This is a special time to show to another your potential kind, sweet, or opposing 'bad-boy' characteristics, if you wish to impress someone.

- You can buy something from the menu for a stranger. This is an extreme action and it may or may not work. Good luck.

- You can order the same thing as a stranger and relate to them by stating that you love the exact same food.

- Don’t look for trouble...unless you want to.

- If you are looking for trouble, make sure you know how to defend yourself.

- Don’t take forever to find exact change when paying. This wastes time for you, staff, and the other customers in line. If you absolutely want or have to pay with change, start counting it in line, if possible.

- When using a bank card to pay for food or drink, don’t make a mistake typing your password because if you do, you will have to repeat the entire transaction and everyone in line, including yourself and the cashier, just wasted another 5 seconds of life for no reason.

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-Sit at a designated table to meet friends.

-Some people who walk into the restaurant and order do so alone and then congregate at a table with others. You can pinpoint these people when they are waiting in line before they meet friends because they are constantly looking around, looking at their watch, looking at their cell phone, and at times they are also very impatient when waiting and while ordering and receiving food or drink.

-If you sit down at one table and spot a friend at another, get up to speak to them and ask if you can join them at their table. Don’t imply that you are automatically invited over just because you know the person. You can also invite them over to your table.

-Many people reserve a spot for friends in line when ordering. If this occurs, people waiting in line behind your group will become angry and frustrated because to them, your friends just cut in line, so now they must wait longer than before. If you absolutely must have your friends cut in line to meet you, pay all together at the cash because if you pay individually this is very

Chapter 5-

Eating or Drinking in the Restaurant Alone

-Don’t eat or drink standing up when dining in.

-Don’t sit at an occupied table…unless you either want to meet new people or you want to cause a scene.

-When eating alone, people will occupy an empty table and either eat or drink and stare around the room or bring a book or newspaper and read. Don’t try to take out a laptop or something valuable. Remember that you are alone if anything were to happen.

-Many people eat and talk on their cell phone. This doesn’t appear to bother anyone, unless you decide to speak loudly or swear. If you have a cell phone, consider using it in moderation in your current situation.

-Never bring outside food or drink into the restaurant because this shows corporate competition for the Fast Food business.

-Don’t spew crumbs from your mouth. People will avoid sitting at any tables near you.