

How to Give a Proper Handshake

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1) MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT.



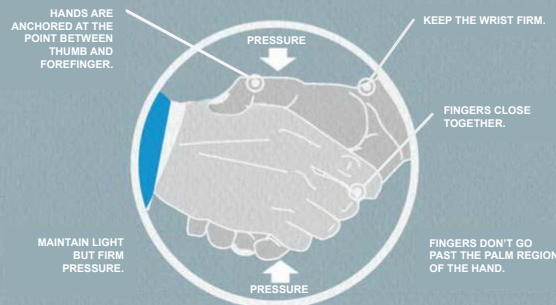
2) SMILE.



3) LEAN FORWARD ABOUT 20°.



3) A GOOD SHAKE COMES FROM THE ELBOW. THE FOREARM REMAINS FIRM.



5) FIVE SHAKES MAX.

DON'T



THE LIMP FISH

The classic bad handshake. The hand is disengaged from the thenar space, instead it limply lays on the other hand and applies no pressure back. Awful.



THE ACTION FIGURE

The hand is totally rigid and doesn't clasp so much as fit into the other person's grip with straight fingers pointing down. Awkward.



THE STANDOFF

The handshake that doesn't end when it should. Nobody wants to make the wrong move so no move is made. It just keeps going forever. Terrifying.



THE SOMETHING TO PROVE, OR WHAT?

The opposite of the Limp Fish. It applies entirely too much pressure to the point of being painful. You're trying too hard. No good.