

Vancouver Hack Space Society - Liability Waiver

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I acknowledge that inherent risks, dangers and hazards and such exist when using hand tools, power tools, supplies, and other equipment commonly used in electronics construction, fabrication, software design and other technology related activities. Participation in such activities and/or the use of equipment associated with technology design, manufacture and experimentation may result in injury, illness, death or damage to personal property. These risks and dangers may be caused by other participants, members or by accidents, acts of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to electrocution, burns, impalement, injury from slips or falls, etc.

I am responsible for my own safety at *Vancouver Hack Space Society*. This includes safe tool operation, ensuring that tools are in proper working order, and that they are used safely and responsibly. I agree not to use any tools I do not know how to use. Other members may advise me on safe work practices, but this does not constitute a training, or a supervisory relationship and responsibility for safety using *Vancouver Hack Space Society* facilities lies entirely on myself.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: The participant fully assumes all risks associated with participation in events and exempts and releases *Vancouver Hack Space Society*, its members, officers, agents, and board members, from action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss or injury to the participant or the participant's property while upon the premises or using any equipment of the organization or while participating in any of the activities contemplated by this agreement whether such loss, damage, or injury results from the negligence of the corporation, its members, agents, or from some other cause.

COVENANT NOT TO SUE: The participant agrees never to institute any suit or action at law otherwise against *Vancouver Hack Space Society*, its members, officers, board members, agents, nor to initiate or any way assist the prosecution of any claim for damages or course of action which the member, member's heirs, executors or administrators hereafter may have by reason of injury to the person of the member or to the participant's property arising from the activities contemplated by this agreement.

THIRD PARTY INDEMNIFICATION: The participant will indemnify, save and hold harmless *Vancouver Hack Space Society*, its members, officers, board members, or agents from any and all losses, claims, actions, or proceedings of every kind and character which may be presented or initiated by any other persons or organizations and which arise directly or indirectly from the actions of the member while engaged in the activities contemplated by this agreement.

I hereby acknowledge that I have CAREFULLY read all of the provisions above, fully understand the terms and conditions expressed there, and do freely choose acceptance of the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs relating to assumption of risk, release of liability, covenant not to sue, and third party indemnification. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the Vancouver Hack Space Society, and sign it of my own free will.

I hereby acknowledge that participating at Vancouver Hack Space Society with knowledge of the danger involved, and agree to assume any and all risks of bodily injury, death or property damage, whether those risks are known or unknown.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been shown the safety equipment in the Vancouver Hack Space Society facilities.
(Member who showed me the locations of the safety equipment please initial here: _____)

Date (YYYY/MMM/DD)	Print Name	Signature	Email (Optional)

Vancouver Hack Space - Welcome

Vancouver Hack Space (VHS) provides a physical space where every creative type can gather to share ideas, equipment, and opinions. We aim to create a 24/7 brain gym where members can show up and work on personal projects, consult with friends, and learn new tricks. More than just a studio space with tools, we focus on sharing all sorts of knowledge within a friendly and collaborative atmosphere.

VHS Principles of Unity

VHS strives to be inclusive to all people. We abide the following principles:

1. Be excellent to each other. No racism, no sexism, no homophobia, no classism.
2. Freedom is good. Group projects are open projects.
3. Eager willingness to learn is all you need. Expertise is not required. It's always OK to ask questions.

How to become a member of Vancouver Hack Space

1. **Set up membership payment** - <https://vanhack.ca/wp/membership/>
We prefer paypal but we can accept cash, Vancity transfer or bitcoin* payment.
2. **Join the TALK form** - Optionally you can join the forums <https://talk.vanhack.ca/> and as a member you can access the members-only section. (see <https://talk.vanhack.ca/t/who-needs-access-to-the-members-only-section/479>)
3. **Join the Slack channel** - You may want to join the slack channel to chat in real time
4. **Introduce yourself** - Consider posting a message on <https://talk.vanhack.ca> to introduce yourself. When at the space, make an effort to introduce yourself as a new member to people you don't know.
5. **Spread the word** - Tweet / Facebook / IRC. If you think more people like you should be in VHS, then tell your friends and coworkers!
6. **Become a key member** - After two consecutive months of being a member you can apply to become a full key member.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

<https://vanhack.ca/wp/about/faq/>

- **How does VHS pay the rent?** - VHS pays its rent and utility bills via membership dues only. No grants, donations, sponsorship, etc. We use donated money for tools/projects for the space.
- **I talked about my super secret project at your space and someone stole it.** - Anything you say at the space should will be treated as though it was spoken in the public. It sucks that they stole your idea and we don't condone that, but if it was a secret it should not have been talked about in a public space.
- **What is this Do-ocracy thing?** - If you see something that needs doing, why aren't you doing it?. The space is run by its members and the members are charged with keeping everything working. There is no single group of people that are responsible for the space.
- **Other questions?** - Send an email to the mailing list or IRC channel or the directors directors@vanhack.ca