

The Claus Clause

IN-LAWS CONTRACT



This contract ("The Claus Clause") is made on this [date]..... day of [month]....., [year]....., by and between [Your Name]..... ("the Contract Maker") and [In-Laws' Names]..... ("the In-Laws").

The Contract Maker and the In-Laws have agreed to establish certain rules and boundaries to ensure a harmonious Christmas/Thanksgiving celebration.

In consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree to the following rules marked with an X (page 2). Those rules left blank DO NOT apply to the parties, and shall not form part of the contract.

By signing below, the Contract Maker and the In-Laws acknowledge that they have read and agreed to all the terms and conditions stated in this Contract. They further affirm their commitment to making this festive celebration a memorable and harmonious occasion for all the parties involved.

CONTRACT MAKER'S SIGNATURE

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IN-LAWS' SIGNATURE

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DATE

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The Complaints



(VISITING IN-LAWS)

Nº	MARK X beside THE points THAT APPLY	X
1	I will not give unsolicited parenting advice.	
2	I will not make comments about milestones such as “when are you going to get engaged / have children / buy a new house / get a new job/ Etc.”	
3	I will not make unsolicited comments on health/weight/diet.	
4	I will respect children's bedtime routines.	
5	I will not drink too much.	
6	I will not complain about the gifts I receive.	
7	I will not compare myself to other in-laws in the family.	
8	I will not argue or make comments about the location of the festivities.	
9	I will not give the cold shoulder/silent treatment.	
10	I will not be overly controlling of the day.	
11	I will not insist on doing things my way.	
12	I will not be stubborn with maintaining traditions.	
13	I will not engage in arguments in front of the children.	
14	I will respect timings, or communicate otherwise.	
15	I will not bring up politics.	
16	I will stick to the gift budget.	
17	I will not pry about private matters.	
18	I will not use gifts as a form of bribery.	
19	I will not try to compete with other in-laws.	
20	I will not bring pets without prior consent.	

Additionally, the parties may add supplementary family rules in the space below:

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