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Do Manners Matter - Part III

Steak, fish, french fries -- they're all are common things on the restaurant menu. But these days, something else -- rudeness -- seems too is making its way onto the menu. WFMZ'S Bo Koltnow continues his series on manners. This time he takes a bite out of the Big Apple to see what's acceptable.... and what isn't. When eating out, it seems a lot of us have left our manners at the door.



>> 34-39 {what annoys you the most when eating out? People chewing with their mouths open.} 2:00 {Kids running around}

>> Shouting instead of taking, paying your cell phone more attention than who your eating with kids acting like they're at recess. It's easy to find a lack of table manners. {cue song}

>> To find out restaurant do's and don'ts we headed to the eating out mecca of the U.S. New York City.

>> Samantha 14-18 {nobody has a clue all around across the board.}

>> Samantha von Sperling is a social image consultant. She offers a cache of services including improvements on personal style, speech and restaurant etiquette. Her clients range from fortune 500 companies to regular Bo's like myself. We spoke at "Le Perigord" a french Restaurant in uptown Manhattan. As you can see I got off to a good start.

>> Sam 21:49-53 {Is that too old fashion. No it's a sign of respect.}

>> Which she says many don't have. First indication, talking on a cell phone at the table.

>> Sam 1:50-56 {at least put on vibrate or on off.}

>> When not talking in a cell phone some say people are just to darn loud.

>> Bevin 1:05-14 {When speaking obnoxiously loud and ruining whole atmosphere with person you want to have the conversation with.}

>> Sam 3:41-48 {When were in doors speak in door voice unless orating speech which is different. But use indoor voice}

>> Conversation at the table seems to be going downhill. I've been to several restaurants and heard swearing over my shoulder, even with kids around.

>> Sam 13:06-07 {people are crass, they are crass.}

>> But that doesn't mean the conversation has to be stale.

>> Samantha 12:43-49 {still make vulgar jokes with out using 4 letter words}

>> Von Sperling admits situations play a role too. It's ok to raise your voice in a crowded bar with a band playing but yelling should never be an option. Who pays the bill is always tricky but a common question to Von Sperling. For instance what do you do if someone tries to skip out on the check?

>> Sam 11:12-21 wait to pay the check until the person comes back. Look at them and say how would you like to handle this.}

>> The rule is the person of higher means pay's or if on the same level, the one who does the inviting treats. If you get stuck with the bill you can always pay it and don't dine with the person again. Like anything else having good manners while eating out is not hard but you have to make a point to put it on the menu.

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