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# Mosh pits no place for the wimpy

Ladies unprepared for the pounding pits should leave moshing to the rest of us



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Ladies, get it together. Seriously. I never thought I'd say this, but you're making me ashamed of my gender. I'm not directing this at all of you though—just an aggravating few known as SGIMPs, or Stupid Girls In Mosh Pits.

It's the stupid girls that are the problem. The delicate ones, dragged most reluctantly into the mosh pits by their infinitely cooler boyfriends. The ones that worry about their hair and get morally offended if someone bumps them. I'm sure these girls don't mean any harm—they just don't know any better. So in the spirit of helping, I've compiled this handy list of tips for ladies who don't fit into the mosh pit scene. Girls, buckle up, because this is your crash course.

First of all, if you, for some poor, sad reason, have never been to a rock show before, please refrain from showing up hours early to get in first and stand right along the the cusp of the stage. It's not that we don't want you to have a good view; it's just that the mosh pit is going to form right behind you, and we're all really, really sick of seeing you crying and getting pulled to safety by security. If any dudes there

express any pity for you, they really just want to get in your pants, so go home and cry there because no one at the show actually cares if you get battered at the front or not.

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Attire is also important. When planning to enter a mosh pit, here's what not to wear: flip-flops. If you wear them into a pit, you will lose at least one, and no one likes walking home barefoot. It makes you look like a well-dressed hobo—or Britney Spears.

Dress to move around, and think

of all of the night's possibilities. Wear a sports bra because underwires are known to get badly bent in the pit. It might seem like a rad idea to do your hair up all cute and wear a skirt, but once your hair's been drenched down with some hairy dude's sweat and your skirt's ridden up to your shoulders from crowd-surfing, you just look like a prostitute—and not the expensive kind.

Finally, ladies, if your boyfriend wants to hit up the mosh pit and you aren't interested, just say no. Stick on your own for a couple songs and let him have his fun. There's nothing more annoying to watch than a guy who drags his girl around and tries to pick fights with every drunk guy that bumps her.

The SGIMPs are soiling woman's good, often-hard-rocking name. Their follies are being reflected on the rest of us, and I only hope this run-down of don'ts will help. And allow me to make something perfectly clear for myself and the other mosh pit-savvy girls out there: yes, we might be smaller than you. But guess that means a low center of gravity. We're a lot a lot harder to knock over than one might think.

We aren't afraid to push you; in fact, we enjoy it, so long as it's in the good nature of enjoying some mosh. And while you might be a big burly guy, believe it or not, you aren't going to have to protect us. We're not delicate and are probably more enthusiastic about rattling around in the pit than you are.

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