

# Swing Dance FAQ

Our goal is to create a fun, welcoming, and safe dance floor for everyone, from first-timers to experienced dancers. To help with this, we've created a guide to answer some frequently asked questions and address common concerns.

## What to Expect for First-Timers

- **Do I need to bring a partner?**

- No partner is required! We ask folks to change partners throughout the class to ensure everyone gets to dance with each other. This is a social dance!

- **Do I need to wear special shoes?**

- Most comfortable street shoes will get you through the night. Shoes with slicker bottoms, like leather soled shoes, may be easier on the joints. Flats, rather than heels, are more typical (and safer) when learning. Sandals, flip-flops, and similar shoes are not recommended.

- **If I am a man, do I need to learn the lead's part/if I am a woman, do I have to follow?**

- No. Anyone of any gender is welcome to learn any role.

- **Okay, I came alone and made it through the class. Who's going to dance with me?**

- Anyone can ask anyone to dance - including you! If you're not ready to ask anyone, standing at the edge of the floor (rather than sitting) lets folks know you are open to a dance.