

Wall of ... Sites Acceptable Use Policy

Welcome to the Wall of ... Sites Platform. This is one in a series of wall sites herein collectively referred to as "Wall of ... sites Platform" or "Wall of ... sites".

The mission of the Wall of... sites Platform is to provide a location for individuals to share meaningful true stories. Each site has a specific theme and a main wall which displays a grid of pictures. Clicking on any of the pictures will take you to that individual's story. The sharing of the story is meant to provide entertainment, comfort, laughter, etc. It is our desire to make users of the Wall of ... sites Platform feel safe in order to provide a positive experience for everyone.

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A core Wall of ... sites principle requires that people treat other people on the site with civility, respect, and consideration. Assume that others on the site are also trying to make it a great resource. Respect opposing or differing opinions, beliefs and conclusions. Try to listen to and understand others you may disagree with. Encourage others on the site to also be welcoming and respectful.

Engage with Others in a Constructive Way

Assume everyone on the Wall of ... sites Platform is here to make the platform a great resource with diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and opinions. It is OK to disagree, but please be civil, respectful, and considerate to other posters.

Attacking people or content

Personal attacks are not allowed on the Wall of ... sites Platform, nor are disrespectful or insulting attacks directed at other people's content. People should be civil and respectful in disagreement with others and should not (1) make attacks or otherwise disparage other people, (2) refer to other people's content with insulting or disrespectful language, (3) harass others on the site or (4) advocate self-harm, even in a joking manner. These behaviors hurt the Wall of ... sites community and deter users from helping to create a better resource.

Do your best to see the world from the perspective of the person who posted a story (the original poster ["OP"]). It is often not helpful to criticize or challenge the fundamental beliefs of the OP in a comment. For example, in responding a comment that asks, "Is it OK to only go to church on Easter?", the following response would be considered disrespectful and is not allowed: "There is no God and religious rituals are a waste of time." Use good judgement and be empathetic. Comments that challenge the fundamental beliefs of an OP or commenter will be held to a very high standard.

Comment threads & how to disagree in comments

In general, comment threads on Wall of ... sites are interactions among strangers. Given that another person on the site may be new to the Wall of ... sites Platform and/or doesn't know you, we require a higher level of politeness than other interactive platforms where users know one another and/or where more adversarial social norms are established and tolerated. A key goal is to ensure that comments do **not** discourage or intimidate other people on the Wall of ... sites Platform.

Disagreement and debate on the Wall of ... sites Platform is encouraged and is often important to making the page more helpful. It is OK to disagree as long as your comments are civil, respectful, and polite, and as long as you give the impression of assuming good will on the part of the person you are disagreeing with. A good way of framing this test is: "If I am new to the Wall of ... sites Platform and/or don't know you, would it be reasonable for me to perceive your comment as hostile or disrespectful toward me or what I've written?" The answer should be no.

In multi-comment threads where there is significant disagreement among people, a person should stop commenting on the thread before creating the reasonable impression that they are harassing, attacking, and/or bullying another person.

Examples

Examples of behaviors that violate the Acceptable Use Policy include:

- Personal attacks, including hurtful, insulting, or hostile comments.
- Making unjustified accusations against another user(s).
- Engaging in a pattern of behavior that constitutes harassment of a targeted person or persons, e.g., by making threats, repeated annoying and unwanted contacts, repeated personal attacks, or posting personal information.
- Racial, sexual, homophobic, ageist, religious, political, ethnic, or other epithets directed against another contributor.
- Using someone's affiliations as a means of dismissing or discrediting their views (this does not include pointing out a conflict of interest of relevance to the discussion at hand).
- Speculating on the real-life identity of an anonymous user.

No Hate Speech

Wall of ... sites users are not allowed to post content or adopt a tone that would be interpreted by a reasonable observer as a form of hate speech, particularly toward a race, gender, religion, nationality, ethnicity, political group, sexual orientation or another similar characteristic. Questions and question details about generalizations in these topics should be phrased as neutrally and respectfully as possible.

No Harassment and Bullying

Harassment is defined as offensive behavior that appears to a reasonable observer to have the purpose of adversely affecting a targeted person or persons. The intended outcome may be to make using the Wall of ... sites Platform unpleasant for the target, to undermine them, or to discourage them from editing and using the site. Examples of harassment include (but are not limited to): (1) making threats, (2) repeated annoying and unwanted contacts, (3) posting the personal information of another person, (4) using sexually explicit, profane, adversarial, or flirtatious language toward another person if such language would likely make the person uncomfortable.

Abusive behavior directed towards private individuals is not allowed. Repeated and unwanted contact constitutes a form of harassment. Content should not make threats against others or advocate violence, including self-harm.

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Racial and ethnic slurs

Using any of the words on Wikipedia's [list of ethnic slurs](#) is not allowed in questions, answers, or comments, unless the purpose is to ask a sincere question about the usage/background of the word.

Respect the Rights of Others

Identity and Deceptive Activity

Your Wall of ... sites profile should use your real name and use accurate and truthful credentials. Do not use Wall of ... sites to impersonate another person, act as another entity without authorization, or create multiple accounts.

Intellectual Property and Personal Rights

Do not post content that infringes any intellectual property or personal right of another party. Writing taken from another source should be properly attributed and block quoted.

Respect the Wall of ... sites Platform**No Spam**

Do not use Wall of ... sites to post or attract spam.

No Malicious or Illegal Activity

Do not contribute viruses, malware, and other malicious programs or engage in activity that harms or interferes with the operation of Wall of ... sites or seeks to circumvent security or authentication measures. Do not use Wall of ... sites to engage in unlawful activity or to promote illegal acts.

Abide by Other Wall of ... sites Policies

Follow Wall of ... sites's other policies, which Wall of ... sites may add or change from time to time

Banning users in terrorist groups

Wall of ... sites will ban and delete all the content of any user who is a confirmed and/or declared member of any group on the [U.S. State Department list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations](#)

Reporting Problems

If you see something on the Wall of ... sites Platform that you believe violates our guidelines or policies, please report it to us using the Contact Us page of the website.

Violating the Acceptable Use Policy may result in the removal of content, or in the limitation or termination of a user's access to Wall of ... sites.