

Oregon Secretary of State
Social Media Moderation Guidelines

ABOUT

Our social media accounts are limited public forums for Oregonians and those interested in the work of the Oregon Secretary of State (SOS).

Please note that posting comments through any Oregon SOS social media account does not constitute a request for assistance or notice of a complaint to or regarding the programs that the Oregon SOS administers.

To make such a request, file a complaint, or otherwise communicate with us, you are welcome to contact the Oregon SOS directly through our main website at <https://sos.oregon.gov/>.

We welcome comments on our social media accounts. However, public comments do not reflect the views of the Oregon SOS. The Oregon SOS does not guarantee that the information contained in public comments is correct.

TERMS OF SERVICE

When engaging with the Oregon SOS on social media, you are subject to the Terms of Service (TOS) of the host site. We encourage you to review the host site's TOS prior to engaging on social media accounts.

MODERATION POLICY

If you do decide to post content, please keep in mind that the Oregon SOS's social media accounts are used to engage with all members of the public. The Oregon SOS reserves the right to moderate discussion on social media to ensure that its forums are a safe place for everyone.

Communicating differing viewpoints that compliment, criticize, or discuss the decisions, actions, and policies of the Oregon SOS is permitted within the guidelines below. While the Oregon SOS does not discriminate against any views, we do reserve the right to remove or hide any of the following, or turn off comments altogether:

- Comments or commenters that discriminate against an individual or group of persons based on perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, veteran status, disability, age, gender identity, housing status, or any other class protected by law.
- False statements that are assertions of fact that cause damage to the reputation of another. This does not include opinions.
- Comments or commenters that threaten (a stated intent to inflict harm or loss on another) any person or organization.
- Comments or commenters that are off-topic from the post or from the identified purpose of the forum.
- Comments or commenters that suggest or promote illegal activity (such as attempting to commit a crime, committing a crime, or encouraging others to commit a crime).
- Comments or commenters that promote or oppose any person campaigning for election to a political office or that promote or oppose any ballot measure.
- Comments or commenters that violate a legal ownership interest of any other party (i.e. copyright or trademark infringement).
- Solicitations, advertisements, or endorsements of any financial, business, or commercial entity.
- Comments or commenters that disclose information which the Oregon SOS is required to keep confidential by law or administrative rule, or that may compromise the safety or security of the state, including state employees, or that compromise an open investigation the Oregon SOS is engaged in or aware of.
- Content that includes sensitive personal identifying information, including, but not limited to, social security numbers, financial account numbers, driver's license numbers, addresses, phone numbers, or an individual's place of employment or school. This

includes a practice referred to as “doxxing” (e.g. where personally identifying information about an individual is revealed).

- Spam (advertisements, content that links to external sites, or images).
- Links to malware.