

B • OUT Community Guidelines

Welcome to B • OUT (“we”, “us”, or “our”)! The B • OUTt community is a diverse group of free-wheeling people with passionate opinions about all kinds of things. We are also extremely curious, and we love to help others with our knowledge and expertise. We’re all about exchanging information and ideas in an open, democratic forum where everyone has a voice. With this comes responsibility, and the community at large expects everyone to act with respect, kindness, and integrity. B • OUT believes in supporting and protecting your freedom of speech, but must balance the interests of a diverse audience.. We expect everyone to act as a good citizen, and follow our community guidelines:

- **Be Respectful.** When uploading or sharing any content, such as photos, videos, GIFs, audio clips, etc. in the B • OUT Universe, please make sure that you have the right to do so, that you will not infringe on third party rights, which includes, but are not limited to, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, moral right, right of publicity, right of privacy, or any other intellectual property or proprietary rights of others. Please do not slander, defame or invade the right of privacy of B • OUT users or any other person.
- **Be Yourself.** When participating in the B • OUT Universe, please do not impersonate any person or entity or misrepresent your affiliation with any other person or entity, whether it be through communications or any materials you share or post in the B • OUT Universe.
- **Be Tolerant.** When in the B • OUT Universe, please do not submit any materials or communicate any information that is (a) defamatory, abusive, harassing, threatening, or an invasion of a right of privacy of another person; (b) is bigoted, hateful, or racially or otherwise offensive; (c) is violent, vulgar, obscene, pornographic or otherwise sexually explicit; or (d) otherwise harms or can reasonably be expected to harm any person or entity.
- **Be Kind.** Please do not post content that actively promotes or glorifies self-harm. This includes content that urges or encourages others to: cut or injure themselves; embrace anorexia, bulimia, or other eating disorders; or commit suicide rather than, e.g., seeking counseling or treatment, or joining together in supportive conversation with those suffering or recovering from depression or other conditions.
- **Be a Good Citizen.** Please do not submit any materials or communicate any information that is illegal or encourages or advocates illegal activity or the discussion of illegal activities, which includes, but is not limited to, terrorism, child pornography, stalking, sexual assault, fraud, trafficking in obscene or stolen material, drug dealing and/or drug abuse, harassment, theft, or conspiracy to commit any criminal activity. Illegal activities also include any activities that would pose a direct threat to public safety.
- **Be Non-Commercial.** Please do not submit any materials or communicate any information that is commercial, business-related or advertises or offers to sell any products (whether or not for profit), services or solicits others to do so (including solicitations for contributions or donations).
- **Be Friendly.** Please do not upload, promote or distribute software viruses or any other kind of computer code, files or programs that attempt to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any of B • OUT’s or B • OUT’s users’ computer software, hardware or telecommunications equipment. Please do not interfere with our servers or networks connected to the B • OUT Universe. Unless B • OUT has given you its prior approval, please do not access or attempt to access our service by any means other than through the interface provided by B • OUT (including through the use of scripts, web crawlers or the like). And please don’t use the server in a manner that could lead to the interruption of access to our service for others.
- **Be Fair.** Please do not reproduce the B • OUT Universe or try to exploit any part of, use of or access to our service. In addition, please do not attempt to prevent or impair the full and complete display of advertisements, promotions, sponsorships or other message within the B • OUT Universe.
- **Be a Good Steward.** Please do not use the B • OUT Universe or our service in violation of any applicable law.
- **Be of Age.** The B • OUT Service is only available to individuals who are at least 18 years old.

If you encounter any of the prohibited conducts listed above, you may contact us at info@bout.lgbt.

If B • OUT concludes that you are violating these guidelines, we may notify you via email. If you do not explain or correct your behavior, we may take action against your account. We do our best to ensure fair outcomes, but in all cases we reserve the right to suspend accounts, or remove content, without notice, for any reason, but particularly to protect our services, infrastructure, users, and community. We reserve the right to enforce, or not enforce, these guidelines in our sole discretion, and these guidelines don’t create a duty or contractual obligation for us to act in any particular manner.