

## Platform Policies

AV CHAMPS is a place that empowers people to share and grow the world's Audio Visual knowledge. To provide everyone with a safe and authentic experience using AV CHAMPS, the following types of content and behaviours are prohibited:

### Spam

Spam negatively impacts interaction on the platform, reduces trust, and inhibits authentic engagement. Spam is defined as any of the following:

- Selling illegal products, services, or technology such as escort services, prostitution, or illegal drugs
- Selling weapons or controlled substances
- Promoting illegal streaming links or websites, get-rich-quick schemes, miraculous improvements such as rapid weight loss programs, scams like advance-fee scams, unofficial password, or account recovery services, or hacking services.
- Coordinated inauthentic activity, such as vote manipulation.
- Posting deceptive or malicious links on AV CHAMPS, including ones that mimic AV CHAMPS UI that direct users to unexpected websites.
- Posting the same content repeatedly, or sending the same messages repeatedly
- Doing any of the following for the purpose of driving traffic to an external site or for monetary gain:
  - Posting irrelevant answers or comments
  - Editing your questions to include links or irrelevant information.
  - Posting questions to promote a business or service, or for solicitation.

### Harassment and Bullying

Posting content or engaging in behaviours with the intent to harass, intimidate, or humiliate an individual, whether in public or private. This includes encouraging others to engage in such behaviour. Examples include:

- Finding a way to repeatedly message or engage with someone after being blocked.
- Creating a Space for the sole purpose of harassing a private individual
- Adding questions about a private individual, that would appear to a reasonable observer, to be harassment.
- Targeted insults or profanity directed at private individuals based on personal attributes, such as physical appearance.
- Revealing someone's personal or confidential information without permission (also known as doxing). Examples of what we consider personal information under this policy include:
  - Home address
  - Physical location
  - Identity documents such as government-issued IDs
  - Social security numbers
  - Financial account information
  - Credit card details.
  - Medical records
  - Biometric data
  - Private phone numbers
  - Private email addresses
  - Real name of a pseudonymous account

If there is a question about you on AV CHAMPS, you have the right to have the entire question and its contents removed. However, we allow questions about lawsuits, or any topic mentioned in the media that may reference individuals.

### Hate Speech

Hate speech is defined as a serious attack on a group or individual based on their race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion, caste, serious medical condition, or disability. This includes the use of slurs in a disparaging way, as well as content that dehumanizes or calls for violence, exclusion, or segregation of protected classes.

Examples include:

- Statements like “[insert race/ethnicity] are not welcome in our country”.
- Statements like “[insert religious group] are parasites”.
- The use of racial slurs in a disparaging way

Denial of the following events, in which protected classes were the primary targets, is prohibited.

### Harmful Activities and Self-Harm

- Threatening violence or calling for serious physical harm to an individual (e.g., “I hope you die”, “Someone needs to find and maim you.”, “I hope you get [insert disease] and die.”)
- Encouraging, glorifying, or promoting:
  - Acts of physical violence towards others by civilians (excluding discussions about reasonable self defense as well as violence involving military actions).
  - Acts of physical violence towards others by other non-state actors, such as terrorist organizations.
  - Suicide or self-harm (including eating disorders). This includes soliciting or sharing information, strategies, or methods on how to commit suicide or self-harm.
  - Animal cruelty
- Stating a specific intent to commit physical violence.
- Stating intent to join a terrorist group, or recruiting on behalf of a terrorist organization.
- Graphically violent profile photos, Space icons, and cover photos.

Examples include:

- Glorifying a violent mass casualty event (e.g., “I’m so glad [insert terrorist group] bombed that building”)
- Explaining how long it would take to succumb to death after a self-inflicted injury or sharing the easiest way to inflict self-harm or commit suicide.
- Telling someone they should kill themselves.
- Sharing a link to an animal torture video and saying the animal “deserved it”.
- Providing tips on how to practice known behaviours associated with eating disorders.

### Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

#### Children and Minors

Sexually explicit or suggestive content (written or visual) involving children and minors. **If child sexual abuse material is identified to us, we will remove it, report it to relevant authorities, and your account will be permanently banned.**

Examples include:

- Sexually explicit or suggestive content involving children and minors (this can include content involving minors who are fully clothed and not engaged in overtly sexual acts)
- Descriptions, whether real or fantasy, of engaging in sexual interactions with children and minors
- Soliciting or exchanging sexually explicit or suggestive images involving children and minors, or Spaces dedicated to such behaviour.
- Sending or requesting sexually explicit media to or from a child or minor
- Content describing different ways to coerce children and minors into sexual interactions.
- Advocating for or glorifying minor - non-minor relations
- Sharing of external links to content that would violate this policy.
- Sharing sexually explicit content in Spaces that are directed towards minors (ages 13-17)
- Grooming behaviour, such as an adult attempting to engage in sexually explicit conversations with a minor on or off the platform.

Advocacy against illegal or harmful activity involving children or minors is not a violation of this policy provided there is no sharing of, or linking to any material featuring child sexual exploitation.

**Reporting - Please Speak Up:** If you think you've found a AV CHAMPS account distributing or promoting sexually explicit or suggestive content involving children and minors, please report it to us using [Contact form](#). Please provide the username and links to all relevant content that led you to believe the account should be reviewed.

### **Animals**

Sexually explicit or suggestive content (written or visual) involving animals with humans.

### **Adult**

Sexually explicit graphic content involving adults which appears to be non-consensual or violent, as well as any content that promotes or glorifies non-consensual sexual activity.

### **Impersonation and Deceptive Activity**

Do not use AV CHAMPS to impersonate another person, act as another entity without authorization, or create multiple accounts with the intention of violating AV CHAMP's policies. The use of multiple accounts to fake or manipulate engagement, engage in targeted user/content reporting, or to bypass or evade enforcement actions is not permitted.

### **Intellectual Property and Personal Rights**

Do not post content that infringes any intellectual property or personal right of another party, including [copyright](#), [trademark](#), or privacy rights.

### **Profile Names**

On AV CHAMPS, you're free to choose what you wish to be called so long as your name doesn't contain explicit content or violate our platform policies. Many people on AV CHAMPS choose to use their real name to provide legitimacy to the content they post and establish a sense of trust with the community.

### **Using the AV CHAMPS brand/logo**

Using the AV CHAMPS brand name or logo (or variations) without authorization is prohibited.

### **AV Content**

This platform is exclusively for the Audio Visual industry and content related to Audio Visual queries. Any content that violates the policies is subject to removal by AV CHAMPS without prior notification to the user. Additionally, AV CHAMPS reserves the right to terminate accounts if policy violations occur.

### **Reporting Problems**

If you see something on AV CHAMPS that you believe violates our policies, please report it to us using our [Contact form](#).

### **Enforcement**

AV CHAMPS has the sole authority and final decision as to whether content or behaviour violates these policies. We may enforce these policies in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to written warnings, removal of content, adding warning tags to content, or the limitation or termination of a user's access to AV CHAMPS.

### **Updates**

We also may change these policies from time-to-time by posting an updated version of these policies.

