

Safety and Civility

Feeling safe and respected is important for everyone's well-being, and treating each other with kindness and civility helps communities thrive. Being respectful doesn't mean you have to agree—it just means treating people with dignity.

Violent and Criminal Behavior

TikTok is about bringing people together, not promoting conflict. **We don't allow threats, glorifying violence, or promoting crimes that could harm people, animals, or property.**

If there is a specific, credible, and imminent threat to human life or serious physical injury, we report it to relevant law enforcement authorities.

For details on how we approach content that shows violence without encouraging it, see our [Shocking and Graphic Content](#) section.

More information

NOT ALLOWED

- Threatening or expressing a desire to physically harm people
- Promoting or glorifying violence, such as calling for violent attacks or praising acts of violence
- Promoting theft or the destruction of property
- Sharing instructions on how to commit crimes that may harm people, animals, or property

ALLOWED

- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about violent and criminal behavior
- Fiction or art, unless it's intended to promote real-world violence
- Criticism of violent and criminal behavior

Hate Speech and Hateful Behavior

TikTok is a place for diverse communities to connect—not for spreading hate. **We don't allow hate speech, hateful behavior, or promotion of hateful ideologies.** That includes content that attacks people based on protected attributes like race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Discussions about social and political issues are welcome, but they must be respectful. Content that indirectly demeans or furthers exclusion of protected groups may not be eligible for the FYF.

To account for regional and cultural sensitivities, we may reduce visibility or remove content that disparages religion in regions where it has a greater chance of causing harm.

Learn more about how we [combat hate](#) on TikTok, and how you can use [tools](#) to restrict interactions with your content and account.

[More information](#)

Hateful Ideologies: Systems of beliefs that exclude, oppress, or otherwise discriminate against individuals based on their protected attributes.

Protected Groups: Individuals or communities that share protected attributes.

Protected Attributes: Personal characteristics that you are born with, are immutable, or would cause severe psychological harm if you were forced to change them or were attacked because of them. This includes:

- Caste
- Disability
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Gender Identity
- Immigration Status
- National Origin
- Race
- Religion
- Serious Disease
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation
- Tribe

The attributes listed above are informed by internationally recognized global [human rights](#) standards. We also provide age-related protections, and may consider other protected attributes when we have additional context, such as specific regional information provided to us by a local non-governmental organization (NGO).

NOT ALLOWED

- Encouraging violence, segregation, discrimination, or other harm towards people based on protected attributes
- Supporting or spreading hateful ideologies, including:
 - Claims of supremacy over a protected group, such as white supremacy, misogyny, anti-LGBTQ+ hate, antisemitism, or Islamophobia
 - Hateful conspiracies targeting a protected group, such as the "Great Replacement Theory" or claims that Jewish people control the media

- Symbols and imagery associated with hateful movements
 - Selling or marketing items—like books or clothing—that promote hate speech or hateful ideologies
- Denying or minimizing well-documented historical atrocities against protected groups, such as the Holocaust or the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
- Dehumanizing people, including by comparing them to animals or objects
- Portraying protected groups as inherently dangerous, such as calling them criminals or terrorists
- Blaming an entire group for actions committed by one person within that group
- Attributing illness or disease to a protected group, including describing them as contagious
- Claiming that a protected group is physically or mentally inferior to others
- Using hateful slurs associated with a protected attribute
- Deadnaming or misgendering someone by referring to them with a name or gender they don't identify with
- Promoting “conversion therapy” programs aimed at changing someone's sexual orientation or gender identity
- In some regions, insulting religion or showing the desecration of religious symbols or sites

FYF INELIGIBLE & AGE-RESTRICTED

Stereotypes, generalizations, insinuations, or statements that may demean or undermine the inclusion of protected groups or identities

ALLOWED

- Members of targeted communities reclaiming slurs or stereotypes in non-degrading ways—for example, using a slur in a song or referring to themselves using the term
- Discussing public policies that impact protected groups, as long as it does not include hateful attacks
- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about hate
- Fiction or art, unless it promotes hate
- Criticism and satire of hateful acts or ideologies

Violent and Hateful Organizations and Individuals

We want you to share what inspires you, but TikTok isn't a place to encourage violence or hate. That's why we don't allow the presence of **violent and hateful organizations or individuals on our platform**. This includes:

- Violent Extremist Entities
- Violent Criminal Organizations
- Violent Political Organizations
- Hateful Organizations
- Individuals who cause mass or serial violence

If we become aware that any of these actors may be on our platform, we will conduct a thorough review—including assessment of off-platform behavior—which may result in [account bans](#).

We also don't allow anyone to promote, support, recruit for, or help these actors in any way. Content that may appear neutral, such as featuring a quote from a hateful organization or individual, must make clear that there is no intent to promote it. We make limited exceptions for discussions about violent political organizations.

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Material Support: The act of giving money, goods, services, or other help to promote violent or hateful actors. This includes fundraising, recruitment, or selling merchandise.

Violent Extremist Entities: Non-state groups or individuals who engage in or advocate for violence against civilians, to advance political, religious, ethnic, or ideological objectives, in ways recognized as violating international norms.

Violent Criminal Organizations: Transnational, national, or local groups that commit serious crimes, including violence, trafficking, and kidnapping.

Violent Political Organizations: Non-state actors that commit violent acts primarily against state actors (such as a national military) rather than civilians, as part of ongoing political disputes (such as territorial claims).

Hateful Organizations: Groups that target people based on protected attributes, dehumanize others, and promote hateful ideologies.

NOT ALLOWED

- Accounts run by organizations or individuals that promote violence or hateful ideologies on or off-platform
- Providing material support to Violent Political Organizations, or promoting or praising violence caused by them
- Promoting, praising, or providing material support to:
 - Hateful Organizations
 - Individuals who cause mass or serial violence, or promote hateful ideologies
 - Violent Criminal Organizations
 - Violent Extremist Entities
- Showing people, symbols, objects, speeches, or manifestos linked to:
 - Hateful Organizations
 - Individuals who cause mass or serial violence, or promote hateful ideologies
 - Violent Criminal Organizations
 - Violent Extremist Entities

ALLOWED

- Discussing a Violent Political Organization, as long as there is no promotion of violence
- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about violent or hateful actors
- Fiction or art, unless it promotes or is made by a violent or hateful actor
- Criticism and satire about violent or hateful actors

Youth Sexual and Physical Abuse

We're committed to making TikTok a safe and supportive space for young people. We don't allow sharing, showing, promoting, or engaging in abuse or exploitation of youth. This includes:

- Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)
- Grooming
- Sextortion
- Sexual Solicitation
- Pedophilia
- Physical or Psychological Harm to young people

When we find content or accounts involved in youth sexual abuse or exploitation, we report them to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children([NCMEC](#)). We also report to relevant law enforcement authorities when there is a specific, credible, and imminent threat to human life or serious physical injury.

If you ever come across suspected CSAM, [report](#) it immediately in the app or on our website. **Never download, record, or share this kind of content.**

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse:

- **Call emergency services right away if someone is in immediate danger**
- **Reach out to a [helpline or local support service](#)**
- **If you think your intimate privacy has been violated on TikTok, report it to us [here](#)**

More information

Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM): Sexual content involving a young person, including anything that shows or suggests abuse or sexual activity. This covers content created by others [or the young person themselves](#), and includes digital or [AI-generated images](#). It also includes anything that sexualizes or fetishizes a young person's body.

Grooming: The act of trying to build a close or trusting relationship with a young person to later abuse or exploit them.

Sextortion: The act of threatening to share nude or sexual content without permission—usually to demand money, sex, or more explicit content.

NOT ALLOWED

- Showing, promoting, or engaging in youth sexual abuse or exploitation, including:
 - [CSAM](#), including any screenshot or clip from the original material, even if it doesn't show nudity or sexual activity
 - Romantic relationships between an adult and young person, including pedophilia, or self-identifying as an adult attracted to young people
 - Grooming behavior
 - Sextortion
 - Sexualizing or fetishizing a young person
 - Sexual solicitation, including invitations to do something sexual, connect off-platform, or share explicit images—even if another young person makes the request
 - Explicit imagery of youth sexual abuse in fiction or art
 - Neglect, endangerment, or physical or emotional abuse of young people
 - Sharing content that could identify a young person who has experienced abuse or exploitation

FYF INELIGIBLE & AGE-RESTRICTED

Showing non-explicit imagery of youth sexual abuse in fiction or art, such as television shows with scenes of implied sexual acts

ALLOWED

- Survivors sharing their own stories, as long as it doesn't show abuse
- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about youth sexual and physical abuse, as long as it doesn't show the abuse
- Criticism of youth sexual and physical abuse, as long as it doesn't show the abuse

Adult Sexual Abuse

We are committed to providing a space that embraces gender equity, supports healthy relationships, and respects intimate privacy. **We don't allow content that shows or promotes the sexual abuse or exploitation of adults.** This includes:

- Non-Consensual Sexual Acts
- Image-Based Sexual Abuse
- Sextortion

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse:

- **Call emergency services if someone is in immediate danger**
- **Reach out to a [helpline or local support service](#)**
- **If you think your intimate privacy has been violated on TikTok, report it to us [here](#)**

More information

Sextortion: The act of threatening to share nude or sexual content without permission—usually to demand money, sex, or more explicit content.

Non-Consensual Sexual Acts: Sexual contact that happens without the consent of everyone involved in the activity. This includes any non-consensual sexual contact, such as rape and molestation.

Image-Based Sexual Abuse: Having, sharing, or creating intimate images (real or edited) of someone without their consent, especially for sexual purposes. This includes content that seems to have been taken with consent, but is distributed without it.

NOT ALLOWED

- Showing, promoting, or engaging in:
 - Non-consensual sexual acts or image-based sexual abuse
 - Sextortion
- Explicit imagery of adult sexual abuse in fiction or art

FYF INELIGIBLE & AGE-RESTRICTED

Showing non-explicit imagery of adult sexual abuse in fiction or art, such as television shows with scenes of implied abuse

ALLOWED

- Survivors sharing their own stories, as long as it doesn't show abuse
- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about adult sexual abuse, as long as it doesn't show the abuse
- Criticism of adult sexual abuse, as long as it doesn't show the abuse

Human Trafficking and Smuggling

We respect human dignity and are committed to protecting people from exploitation. That's why **we don't allow content that promotes or facilitates human trafficking or smuggling.**

When we identify human trafficking and smuggling content with a specific, credible, and imminent threat to human life or serious physical injury, we alert law enforcement. In addition, when we identify youth sex trafficking content, we report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ([NCMEC](#)).

More information

Human Trafficking: A form of modern slavery that can occur domestically or internationally, and involves the recruitment of victims, coordination of their transport, and their exploitation using force, fraud, coercion, or deception. It can include:

- Sex, labor, child, or organ trafficking
- Forced marriage
- Forced criminality, such as exploitative begging
- Domestic servitude
- Child soldiers

Human Smuggling: Earning a profit by helping a person to illegally enter another country. It can include providing transportation and consultation, as well as identity and travel document fraud.

NOT ALLOWED

- Facilitating, promoting, or showing human trafficking
- Facilitating or promoting human smuggling or smuggling-related services
- Asking to be smuggled into another country, or to take part in trafficking-related activities

ALLOWED

- Survivors sharing their own stories of human trafficking and smuggling, as long as those stories don't promote or enable smuggling or trafficking
- Expressing a desire to migrate, as long as smugglers aren't clearly involved
- Seeking help or providing information about how to safely and legally leave a country due to crisis or human rights abuses
- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about human trafficking and smuggling
- Fiction or art, unless it promotes or enables real-world exploitation
- Criticism or satire about human trafficking and smuggling

Harassment and Bullying

We welcome respectful discussion and believe everyone should feel safe sharing their voice. **We don't allow harassment or bullying, including when it's done in retaliation.**

Content that includes lower-severity degrading behavior may be ineligible for the FYF. In some cases, we may remove this content when additional context is available—such as when it targets someone under 18 and could contribute to more serious harm.

We recognize that public figures face greater attention and some content about them may serve the public interest. As a result, we allow more critical commentary about public figures than private figures. However, we still remove content that is most harmful—such as doxing, sexual harassment, or any other violation of our policies, including violent threats, hate speech, or sexual exploitation.

If you or someone you know is being bullied or harassed, [support resources](#) are available. You can also use our [tools](#) to restrict unwanted interactions with your content and account.

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Doxing: Publishing or threatening to publish personal information about someone online with malicious intent. We recognize intent can be subjective, so we use objective indicators to help us understand it, such as captions and hashtags.

Sexual Harassment: The sexualization or sexual degradation of an individual through language or behaviors relating to sexual activities, intimate body parts, and sexual health information.

Public Figures: People 18 and older with a significant public role, such as a government official, politician, business leader, or celebrity. We don't identify people under 18 as public figures.

Private Figures: All people under 18, and adults who aren't public figures.

NOT ALLOWED

- Making unwanted sexual comments or engaging in unwanted sexual behavior towards someone. This includes mimicking sexual acts using Duet or stickers, or making remarks about someone's intimate body parts or sexual performance
- Insulting someone's physical attributes, such as weight, facial features, or body parts
- Degrading or revictimizing people who have experienced a tragedy, including claiming they deserved it or dismissing their experience
- Wishing serious harm on someone, such as expressing a desire for them to die or contract a serious illness
- Doxing or encouraging others to do so
- Inciting harassment or promoting coordinated abuse, such as encouraging others to leave abusive comments or falsely report an account

FYI INELIGIBLE & AGE-RESTRICTED

Hostile and profane language or behavior targeted at a private figure

ALLOWED

- Criticizing an individual's content or actions
- Criticizing harassment or bullying behavior, as long as it does not involve retaliatory harassment
- Sharing some types of critical comments or images about public figures, as long as they don't constitute highly harmful forms of harassment or violate other policies
- Documentary or educational content that raises awareness about harassment and bullying
- Fiction or art, unless it's used to target or harm a real individual

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