

# Violent and Graphic Content

## Policy details

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## Policy Rationale

We remove content that glorifies violence or celebrates the suffering or humiliation of others because it may create an environment that discourages participation. We allow graphic content (with some limitations) to help people raise awareness about these issues.

We know that people value the ability to discuss important issues like human rights abuses or acts of terrorism. We also know that people have different sensitivities with regard to graphic and violent content. For that reason, we add a warning label to especially graphic or violent content so that it is not available to people under the age of 18 and so people are aware of the graphic or violent nature before they click to see it.



## Do not post:

### Imagery of people

Videos of people or dead bodies in non-medical settings if they depict

- Dismemberment.
- Visible internal organs; partially decomposed bodies.
- Charred or burning people unless in the context of cremation or self-immolation when that action is a form of political speech or newsworthy.
- Victims of cannibalism.
- Throat-slitting.

Live streams of capital punishment of a person

### Sadistic Remarks

- Sadistic remarks towards imagery that is deleted or put behind a warning screen under this policy, unless there is a self-defense context or explicit educational context in a medical setting.
- Sadistic remarks towards imagery of one or more persons subjected to violence and/or humiliating acts by one or more uniformed personnel doing a police function.
- Offering or soliciting imagery that is deleted or put behind a warning screen under this policy, when accompanied by sadistic remarks.
- Explicit sadistic remarks towards the suffering of animals depicted in the imagery.



For the following content, we include a warning screen so that

people are aware the content may be disturbing. We also limit the ability to view the content to adults, ages 18 and older:

### **Imagery of people**

Videos of people or dead bodies in a medical setting if they depict:

- Dismemberment.
- Visible internal organs; partially decomposed bodies.
- Charred or burning people, including cremation or self-immolation when that action is a form of political speech or newsworthy.
- Victims of cannibalism.
- Throat-slitting.

Photos of wounded or dead people if they show:

- Dismemberment.
- Visible internal organs; partially decomposed bodies.
- Charred or burning people.
- Victims of cannibalism.
- Throat-slitting.

Imagery that shows the violent death of a person or people by accident or murder

Imagery that shows capital punishment of a person

Imagery that shows acts of torture committed against a person or people

Imagery of non-medical foreign objects (such as metal objects, knives, nails) involuntarily inserted or stuck into people causing grievous injury

### **Imagery of animals**

The following content involving animals:

- Videos depicting humans killing animals if there is no explicit

manufacturing, hunting, food consumption, processing or preparation context.

- Imagery of animal to animal fights, when there are visible innards or dismemberment of non-regenerating body, unless in the wild.
  - Imagery of humans committing acts of torture or abuse against live animals.
  - Imagery of animals showing wounds or cuts that render visible innards or dismemberment, if there is no explicit manufacturing, hunting, taxidermy, medical treatment, rescue or food consumption, preparation or processing context, or the animal is already skinned or with its outer layer fully removed.
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**For the following content, we include a label so that people are aware the content may be sensitive:**

Imagery of non-medical foreign objects voluntarily inserted into people through skin in religious or cultural context

Imagery of visible innards in a birthing context

Imagery of fetuses and newborn babies that show:

- Dismemberment.
- Visible innards.
- An abortion or abandonment context.

Imagery of newborn babies in an abandonment context

Imagery of animals in a ritual slaughter context showing dismemberment, or visible innards, or charring or burning

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For the following Community Standards, we require additional information and/or context to enforce:

We remove:

- Videos and photos that show the violent death of someone when a family member requests its removal.

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## ^ User experiences

See some examples of what enforcement looks like for people on Facebook, such as: what it looks like to report something you don't think should be on Facebook, to be told you've violated our Community Standards and to see a warning screen over certain content.

**Note:** We're always improving, so what you see here may be slightly outdated compared to what we currently use.

USER EXPERIENCE

### Reporting

