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We restrict content that involves nudity or is sexual in nature, and are committed to ensuring that Twitch is not used for sexual exploitation or violence. To provide more clarity around these policies and how we review reports of such content or activity,

we've provided additional details to complement our Community Guidelines in the sections below.

While we understand that some nudity or sexual content might be intended for educational, scientific, artistic, newsworthy, or academic purposes, we restrict this content due to the diversity in age and cultural backgrounds of our global community. We may, in limited educational and artistic contexts, make pre-approved exceptions to these policies. Going forward, Twitch will continue working on ways to safely support nudity and sexual content in these particular contexts.

# Sexual Violence and Exploitation

Sexual violence and exploitation are strictly prohibited and may be reported to law enforcement. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual assault and molestation, or content that encourages or promotes it
- Sharing or threatening to share sexually suggestive or explicit content (audio or visual) without permission of the person depicted, including revenge porn.
- Unsolicited offers, solicitation, demands, bribes, or blackmail for sexual content and services
- Any nudity, sexual content, sexual violence, or

sexual exploitation that involves minors, appears to involve minors, or depictions of minors, or content that encourages or promotes pedophilia

# Sexually Explicit Content and Sexual Services

Users are prohibited from broadcasting, uploading, soliciting, offering, and linking to pornographic or sexually explicit content, and from offering or soliciting any sexual content in exchange for money, services, or items of value. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Explicit, simulated, or implied oral, anal, and vaginal sex, including prolonged audio that implies sex/masturbation/orgasm, such as clear moaning and grunting
- Explicit, simulated, or implied self or mutual masturbation, including groping or caressing genitals
- Display of sexual bodily fluids
- Phone sex, chat sex, or otherwise engaging with other person(s) or chat to create sexual content
- Advertisement or solicitation of sexual services, including prostitution, escort services, sexual massages, and filmed sexual activity

Broadcasting in areas where nudity or sexual activity may be taking place, even if such conduct or activity is not at the direction of the broadcaster or takes place in the background of the broadcast, is prohibited.

While users may not directly link to pornographic or sexually explicit content in their broadcasts, profile, or chat, users will not be penalized for linking to their personal websites or social media pages that may incidentally contain these links.

## Sexually Suggestive Content

To maintain the health of our community and promote content that is appropriate for a diverse audience, sexually suggestive content is prohibited on Twitch. Evaluations on the sexual suggestiveness of a behavior or activity are independent of user attire and are instead based on the overall surrounding framing and context. This policy also applies to embedded media, augmented reality, creative broadcasts, and channel content—such as banners, profile images, emotes, and panels—that are focused on provocative images or video.

Content that is considered to be sexually suggestive includes, but is not limited to:

- Content or camera focus on breasts, buttocks, or pelvic region, including poses that deliberately highlight these elements

- Groping or explicit gestures directed towards breasts, buttocks, or genitals
- Fetishizing behavior or activity, such as focusing on body parts for sexual gratification or erotic role play
- Featuring sex toys in contexts unrelated to sexual education
- Erotic dances, such as those involving stripping or flashing
- Pole dances or acrobatics with sexually suggestive framing
- Posting, displaying, or sharing erotica, including detailed descriptions of sex acts or pornography

## Nudity and Attire

Our goal is to set standards that allow you to elevate your content and express yourself in a variety of ways, without exposing our global, diverse community to inappropriate content. We aim to be transparent around our standards and expectations—both in general and specific contextual exceptions—to empower your creative expression and boost your confidence with a clear understanding of our guidelines. The list of contextual exceptions, outlined below, is not exhaustive and will continue to evolve as our community grows. If you find yourself in a situation that is not described by an exception, then we expect you to follow the standard guidelines.

# Standard guidelines

We don't permit streamers to be fully or partially nude, including exposing genitals or buttocks. We do not permit the visible outline of genitals, even when covered. Broadcasting nude or partially nude minors is always prohibited, regardless of context.

For those who present as women, we ask that you cover your nipples. We do not permit exposed underbust. Cleavage is unrestricted as long as these coverage requirements are met.

For all streamers, you must cover the area extending from your hips to the bottom of your pelvis and buttocks.

For those areas of the body where coverage is required, the coverage must be fully opaque; sheer or partially see-through clothing does not constitute coverage.

Augmented reality avatars that translate real-life movement into digital characters are subject to this standard, as is cosplay and other costumes. For details on how this policy applies to IRL, outdoors, and body art, please continue reading.

## Contextual exceptions

### IRL streaming

Broadcasters, their co-hosts, and invited guests engaging in general IRL streaming outside the home must follow standard body-coverage expectations. Those passing through the background of your

stream are not held to the same dress code requirement, but broadcasting nudity is not permitted regardless of context. If accidental nudity appears on your stream, we expect you to take immediate action, remove the content, and take precautionary steps so it won't happen again. You should not focus your stream on anyone violating our clothing or sexual content standards; you will be held accountable for doing so to the same extent as if you were violating the standards yourself.

## **Swim and beaches, concerts and festivals**

Swimwear is permitted as long as it completely covers the genitals, and those who present as women must also cover their nipples. Full coverage of buttocks is not required, but camera focus around them is still subject to our sexually suggestive content policy. Coverage must be fully opaque, even when wet. Sheer or partially see-through swimwear or other clothing does not constitute coverage.

## **Body Art**

For streams dedicated to body art, full chest coverage is not required, but those who present as women must completely cover their nipples & areola with a layer of non-transparent clothing or a paint & latex combination (artist-grade pasties, tape, latex or similar alternatives are acceptable). This coverage must be applied before streaming begins, not on-stream. Buttocks and genitals must also be fully covered by opaque attire. This exception to the general coverage requirements only applies while the streamer is actively engaged in body painting, though the streamer may take short breaks

between active painting sessions, or when painting is complete to model the results.

## Context transitions

Streamers are given some leeway for making transitions between contexts with different limits of acceptable attire (e.g., beach to general outdoor IRL streaming). In these situations, streamers are expected to only spend as much time wearing insufficient attire as needed to add clothing or change offscreen into clothing with appropriate coverage for the new context.

## Additional exceptions

The standard chest coverage requirements outlined above do not apply to individuals actively breastfeeding a child on stream.

# Nudity and Sexual Content in Embedded Media and Games

## Embedded Media

In embedded media, such as videos and images, nudity and pornography are prohibited. In some situations, we may make exceptions on Twitch-owned and operated channels for content that is rated by a ratings body or otherwise pre-screened by Twitch.



## Prohibited Sexual Games and Game Modifications

Games featuring nudity, pornography, sex, or sexual violence as a core focus or feature are entirely prohibited. Custom gameplay or visual modifications that include nudity or sex content, including uncensored patches, in otherwise allowed games are prohibited.

Learn more (<https://safety.twitch.tv/s/article/Prohibited-Games>) about prohibited games.

## Sexual Content in Permitted Games

Focusing your broadcast around sexual content or in-game nudity in an otherwise allowed game will result in enforcement action against your Twitch account. When interacting with in-game nudity or sexual content in a permitted game, such as 'The Witcher,' users may only spend as much time as is required to progress. In addition, users may not engage in simulated sexual activity or erotic roleplay—which includes the specific behaviors listed under Sexually Suggestive Content above—with other players in online games.

Games that primarily consist of user-generated content, in-game roleplay, or interactions in virtual reality are not exempt from this policy.

## Additional Restrictions

Conversations about sex, nudity, and other mature topics that are intended to be educational and

otherwise comply with our policies should be marked as Mature Content via the respective channel's settings.

# Reporting Sexual Content Violations

If you come across any content or user(s) on Twitch that you feel violate our Community Guidelines, we ask that you report the content and/or user(s) in question to our moderation team for review. Learn How to File a User Report (<https://safety.twitch.tv/s/article/Filing-a-Report>).

## FAQ

**I accidentally showed content that was sexually explicit. Will my account be suspended?**

As owner of your account, it's entirely your responsibility to ensure that anything shared on your account abides by Twitch's Terms of Service (ToS) and Community Guidelines (CG). If you are unsure if a link, photo, video, or other content in your broadcast breaks these, we suggest that you review it privately before airing it on your broadcast. Content that breaks ToS or CG, whether shown accidentally or on purpose, can be reported and moderation may take appropriate action on that content, including removing the content and issuing a suspension on your account. Given the nature of

live content, we expect you to take proper precautions; even one incident may warrant action.

## **I'm an artist and I want to paint a nude portrait not intended to be sexual. Is that prohibited?**

As we do not yet provide sufficient tools for viewers to limit their exposure to nudity and mature content, artistic and educational nudity are not allowed. We are working on ways to make this possible in the future.

## **What about activities such as body painting and dancing?**

Body painting, dancing, and other creative activities that do not violate our policies are welcome on Twitch. If flagged as potential sexually suggestive content, we will consider the context and intent of the content to determine whether the reported conduct violates our policies.

## **What clothing is appropriate for my stream?**

Given the variety of content and activities creators engage in, an explicit dress code would be unreasonably restrictive. Streaming is a public activity that reaches a global audience of many ages and cultures, and as such we prohibit nudity and sexual conduct. When evaluating reports for sexual conduct, attire is just one factor we will use in making a determination on whether conduct is acceptable.

We recommend creators wear attire that would be

publicly appropriate for the context, location, and activity they are broadcasting. For example, workout clothes would be appropriate for a fitness stream and a swimsuit would be appropriate for a stream from a public beach.

## Why aren't there specific rules about what clothing is and isn't allowed on Twitch?

As Twitch continues to expand the variety of content we feature, so comes the need for updating the range of attire that is acceptable. For example, something that is acceptable for a broadcast at the beach or the gym may not be acceptable for a cooking or gameplay broadcast. In an effort to help creators abide by our Community Guidelines in the same way they would expectations of behavior in the real world, we've updated our policies to reflect that we will consider not just the attire itself, but also the contextual setting in which it is worn and the intent of the person wearing it, when moderating content. Please remember that sexually explicit or suggestive content, such as nudity exposing or focusing on genitals, buttocks, or nipples, and attire intended to be sexually suggestive are prohibited.

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