

1. Introduction

Welcome to ConnectSphere. By accessing and using ConnectSphere, you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. These terms govern your use of the platform, your interactions with other users, and your contributions to the platform. If you do not agree to these terms, please refrain from using ConnectSphere.

2. Definitions

- **ConnectSphere:** Refers to the social media platform where users can create profiles, share content, and interact with others.
- **User:** Any individual who accesses or uses ConnectSphere.
- **Content:** Refers to any text, images, videos, or other media posted on ConnectSphere by users.

3. Account Registration and Responsibilities

- Users must register an account with accurate and up-to-date information.
- Each user is responsible for safeguarding their account credentials. Any activity occurring under a user's account is their responsibility.
- Users must be at least 13 years old to register.

4. User Content and Ownership

- Users retain ownership of the content they post on ConnectSphere.
- By posting content, users grant ConnectSphere a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, distribute, modify, and display the content for the platform's operations and promotional purposes.
- Users are solely responsible for the content they upload, and it must comply with all applicable laws.

5. Prohibited Content and Behavior

Users must not post or engage in the following:

- **Illegal Content:** Content that violates any laws or regulations, including hate speech, violent threats, and pornography.
- **Harassment:** Bullying, abusive behavior, or any content that threatens, intimidates, or harms other users.
- **Spam:** Unsolicited promotions, advertisements, or repeated content meant to disrupt the platform.
- **Impersonation:** Using another person's identity or creating fake accounts with misleading information.

6. Content Moderation

- ConnectSphere reserves the right to review and moderate user content.

- Content that violates these terms may be removed without prior notice. In cases of severe or repeated violations, user accounts may be suspended or terminated.

7. User Data and Privacy

- ConnectSphere collects and processes personal data as outlined in our **Privacy Policy**.
- By using the platform, users consent to the collection, use, and sharing of their data according to the policy.
- ConnectSphere is committed to protecting user privacy and follows strict data protection standards under applicable data protection laws.

8. Intellectual Property

- All content on ConnectSphere that is not user-generated (e.g., the platform's design, code, and branding) is owned by ConnectSphere and is protected by intellectual property laws.
- Users are prohibited from using ConnectSphere's intellectual property without explicit written permission.

9. Third-Party Links and Integrations

- ConnectSphere may contain links to third-party websites or services. ConnectSphere is not responsible for the content or policies of those third parties.
- Users are encouraged to read the terms and conditions and privacy policies of any third-party services they engage with through ConnectSphere.

10. Termination of Use

- Users may deactivate their accounts at any time through account settings.
- ConnectSphere reserves the right to terminate or suspend user accounts that violate these terms, exhibit malicious behavior, or pose security threats to the platform.
- In the case of account termination, user content may remain on the platform as permitted by the license granted under section 4.

11. Limitation of Liability

- ConnectSphere is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis. While we aim to provide a secure and reliable platform, we do not guarantee uninterrupted service or error-free functionality.
- ConnectSphere shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages resulting from the use or inability to use the platform, loss of data, or unauthorized access to user accounts.

12. Amendments to Terms

- ConnectSphere reserves the right to modify these terms at any time. Significant changes will be communicated to users via email or in-platform notifications.
- Continued use of the platform following such changes constitutes acceptance of the updated terms.

13. Dispute Resolution

- Any disputes arising out of these terms will be governed by the laws of the United States and resolved in the courts of California.
- Users agree to first attempt to resolve disputes through informal means by contacting our support team at support@connectsphere.com.

14. Contact Information

- For any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding these terms, users may contact us at support@connectsphere.com or via phone at +1 (555) 123-4567.