

craigslist

online community

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Our policies ... taking it personally and very seriously

We take every kind of abuse very seriously, and in every case Craig will contact the abusive party and ask them to cease.

You're responsible for your own words

Please remember you're responsible for what you say, and bear in mind that you're speaking to a very diverse community.

In particular, please consider Fair Housing laws which prohibit some kinds of discrimination. A good article, focusing on that as applied to craigslist, recently ran at on the [SF Chronicle](#).

Open forum

Overall, you should consider this an open forum to say whatever you want to say, within reasonable boundaries. Ultimately, the information you provide to craigslist belongs to you. **You own your own words.** Normally, this means we are in a passive mode, posting messages that are sent to us by the community without taking any active steps to review, edit or approve the postings we receive. We do not edit postings for content, although we sometimes do adjust the posting format.

Posting content

We take privacy and any form of abuse personally and very seriously and we reserve the right, at our sole discretion, to refuse to post messages that we believe are inappropriate. However, we're not the postings police and craigslist is not responsible for the content of individual postings on the craigslist.org Web site or email messages.

It is the responsibility of posting individuals to use our facilities in a manner that is legal, respects the privacy of others, and does not infringe the copyrights of others. It is also the responsibility of subscribers and members not to re-publish postings by others without the poster's consent.

If you believe a posting individual is not acting responsibly, please let us know. Repeat offenders will be unsubscribed and prevented from further posting, as possible.

We consider personal attacks as inappropriate behavior, and will consider each case individually.

Spam

Any form of unsolicited communication to people who post or receive emails from us is not acceptable. Typically, each posting will explicitly allow direct contact or request otherwise.

If you feel that you've been contacted in an abusive or inappropriate manner, please let us know.

and we'll pursue it.

For Recruiters

Unless the job poster clearly indicates their interest for direct contact, we'd sure appreciate if you would refrain from contacting them directly whether by phone, email, or whatever. Also, a lot of folks have asked recruiters to identify themselves as such. This is a big deal to a lot of people, and it might also save you a few unnecessary flames.

Community feedback regarding for-profit use of craigslist

People aren't entirely comfortable with brokers posting on craigslist, but we allow them to post if they clearly identify themselves and do only a few at most per day.

We do reject people directly using our site in any kind of scheme where they repost items to our site in some kind of fee-based scheme.

If you see cases where people go around these guidelines, please email feedback@craigslist.org.