

Welcome to the Montana Department of Justice’s official social media accounts. Please understand that you participate in our social media platforms at your own risk. Because they are external, cloud-based sites, MT DOJ cannot make any guarantees as to the security of the content shared on them. Posting of any content on any social media platform used by the Montana Department of Justice, by any visitor, follower, subscriber or fan, constitutes acceptance of the terms of use described here in this policy. Any and all content posted or submitted for posting on our social media platforms is public and subject to public disclosure laws.

Moderation of Content

Our social media platforms function as online discussion sites and are monitored by MT DOJ. They are not public forums. Please be aware of the following:

The opinions expressed by visitors on MT DOJ social media platforms along with all user content do not necessarily reflect the views of this agency, its employees or the State of Montana.

The Montana Department of Justice’s social media platforms are intended to be “family friendly,” When applicable, the department uses platform provided content moderation/filtering options to limit foul or obscene content. The Montana Department of Justice does actively monitor the social media platforms used by the department, and will remove inappropriate content as defined below, without prior notice, and as soon as possible. The department shall reserve the right to remove and/or block anyone who posts inappropriate material as determined by the department. Comments will not be edited by our personnel, but MT DOJ reserves the right to remove comments that include:

- Obscenity including racial slurs
- Pornographic content
- Content which violates the right to privacy
- Comments which may reasonably interfere with, inhibit or compromise law enforcement investigations, police tactics, police responses to incidents and/or the safety of police staff and officers.
- Threats or “Fighting Words”
- Incitement to imminent lawless action
- Solicitations to commit, or speech integral to, criminal conduct
- Fraud
- Defamation (libel/slander)
- Commercial solicitations, promotions, or advertisements
- Hate speech
- Off-topic comments
- “Trolling,” “robo spam” and comments by “social bots” (i.e. generated by automatic software programs)
- Links to websites that violate one of these listed categories
- Promotion in favor of, or in opposition to, a candidate campaigning for election to a political office.
- Copyrighted material posted without consent

Furthermore, while we encourage debate and discussion, we respectfully request that commenters be mindful that these sites are open to the public and that commenters be courteous and civil toward one another.

Denial of Access

MT DOJ may take steps to have a content removed if it falls within one of the foregoing categories. Repeatedly violating these guidelines may result in your permanent removal from Montana Department of Justice social media platforms. If you wish to contest the removal or hiding of your content or your denial of access from our social media accounts, please contact us at 444-2026 or contactdoj@mt.gov and request to speak to a member of our public information staff.

Facebook's Community of Standards

All comments posted to any Montana Highway Patrol Facebook site are bound by Facebook's Community Standards, located at <http://www.facebook.com/communitystandards>, and the Montana Highway Patrol reserves the right to report any violation of Facebook's Community Standards to Facebook with the intent of Facebook taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

YouTube Community Guidelines

When applicable, the Montana Department of Justice reserves the right to report any violation of the YouTube Community Guidelines, located at <http://www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/communityguidelines.html> with the intent of YouTube taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

The Twitter Rules

When applicable, the Montana Department of Justice reserves the right to report any violation of the Twitter Rules, located at <https://support.twitter.com/articles/18311> with the intent of Twitter taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

Questions

Should you have any questions in regards to items contained herein this Terms of Use, please contact the Montana Department of Justice social media manager at 406-444-2026.