



## Acceptable use Policy

This acceptable use policy sets out the terms between you and us under which you may access our website: [www.impressorg.com](http://www.impressorg.com) (our site). This acceptable use policy applies to all users of, and visitors to, our site.

Your use of our site means that you accept and agree to abide by all the policies in this acceptable use policy, which supplement our [terms and conditions](#).

[www.impressorg.com](http://www.impressorg.com) is a site operated by impress: The Independent Monitor for the Press CIC (“We”). We are a community interest company registered in England and Wales. Our company number is 09655520. Our registered office is at 16-18 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6AG.

### 1. Prohibited uses

1.1. You may use our site only for lawful purposes. You may not use our site:

- in any way that breaches any applicable local, national or international law or regulation;
- in any way that is unlawful or fraudulent, or has any unlawful or fraudulent purpose or effect;
- for the purpose of harming or attempting to harm minors in any way;
- to send, knowingly receive, upload, download, use or re-use any material, which does not comply with our content standards as set out below;
- to transmit, or procure the sending of, any unsolicited or unauthorised advertising or promotional material or any other form of similar solicitation (spam);
- to knowingly transmit any data, send or upload any material that contains viruses, trojans, worms, logic bombs, keystroke loggers, spyware, adware or any other harmful programs or similar computer code designed to adversely affect the operation of any computer software or hardware.

1.2. You also agree:

- not to reproduce, duplicate, copy or re-sell any part of our site in contravention of the provisions of our [terms and conditions](#);
- not to access without authority, interfere with, damage or disrupt:
  - any part of our site;
  - any equipment or network on which our site is stored;
  - any software used in the provision of our site; or
  - any equipment, network, or software owned or used by any third party.

## **2. Content standards**

**2.1.** These content standards apply to any and all material that you contribute to our site (“Contributions”).

**2.2.** You must comply with the spirit of the following standards as well as the letter. The standards apply to each part of any contribution as well as to its whole.

**2.3.** Contributions must:

- be accurate (where they state facts);
- be genuinely held (where they state opinions); and
- comply with applicable law in the UK and in any country from which they are posted.

**2.4.** Contributions must not:

- contain any material that is defamatory to any person;
- contain any material that is obscene, offensive, hateful or inflammatory;
- promote sexually explicit material;
- promote violence;
- promote discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age;
- infringe any copyright, database right or trademark of any other person;
- be likely to deceive any person;
- be made in breach of any legal duty owed to a third party, such as a contractual duty or a duty of confidence;
- promote any illegal activity;
- threaten, abuse, or invade another’s privacy, or cause annoyance, inconvenience, or needless anxiety;
- be likely to harass, upset, embarrass, alarm or annoy any other person;
- be used to impersonate any person or to misrepresent your identity or affiliation with any person;
- give the impression that they emanate from us, if this is not the case;
- advocate, promote or assist any unlawful act such as (by way of example only) copyright infringement or computer misuse.

## **3. Suspension and termination**

**3.1.** We will determine, at our discretion, whether there has been a breach of this acceptable use policy through your use of our site. When a breach of this policy has occurred, we may take such action as we deem appropriate.

**3.2.** Failure to comply with this acceptable use policy constitutes a material breach of the [terms and conditions](#) upon which you are permitted to use our site, and may result in our taking all or any of the following actions:

- immediate, temporary, or permanent withdrawal of your right to use our site;
- immediate, temporary, or permanent removal of any posting or material uploaded by you to our site;
- issue of a warning to you;

- legal proceedings against you for reimbursement of all costs on an indemnity basis (including, but not limited to, reasonable administrative and legal costs) resulting from the breach;
- further legal action against you; or
- disclosure of such information to law enforcement authorities as we reasonably feel is necessary.

**3.3.** We exclude liability for actions taken in response to breaches of this acceptable use policy. The responses described in this policy are not limited, and we may take any other action we reasonably deem appropriate.

#### **4. Changes to the acceptable use policy**

We may revise this acceptable use policy at any time by amending this page. Some of the provisions contained in this acceptable use policy may also be superseded by provisions or notices published elsewhere on our site.

**We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.**

**Approved by:** The Board of Impress

**Date:** 12 December 2023

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