

Terms of Use

Idaho State Police Social Media

SOCIAL MEDIA TERMS OF USE

In an emergency, or if you need immediate police assistance, or to report a crime currently in progress, dial 911.

This is an official social media page of the Idaho State Police (ISP). The headquarters office for ISP is in Meridian, ID. ISP recognizes the valuable role social media can play in creating and building connections between ISP employees and the citizens they serve. To learn more about the Idaho State Police, visit: isp.idaho.gov

Before posting on this page, please review these Terms of Use. A posting on this page constitutes acceptance of the following Terms of Use. The Idaho State Police maintains the right to modify these Terms of Use without notice. Any change is effective upon posting to this page.

This page is expressly intended to be a limited public forum in which the State of Idaho and the Idaho State Police retain discretion to limit the subjects being discussed. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas on topics being discussed but have Rules of Commenting and Posting ("Rules") in place to encourage relevant, civil discourse and appropriate discussion for Users of all ages and prevent anything that might impede the purpose of our social media sites. The purpose of the Idaho State Police use of social media is to convey important public safety information and matters of public interest concerning the department's programs and activities and to effectively and immediately reach Idaho residents in our efforts to further our mission; to serve and protect the lives, property, and constitutional rights of the people of Idaho.

Rules for Commenting and Posting

This page is monitored and managed by the Idaho State Police. ISP will not edit comments posted on this web page. However, ISP reserves the right to remove comments or block users without prior notice if a violation of any of the following rules occurs.

No User-generated post or comment shall:

- Be unrelated to or irrelevant to the topic of the page or specific post;
- Contain language or content which promotes, fosters, or perpetuates harassment or discrimination against or on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, income, or English proficiency;
- Contain profane, obscene, or violent language or content;

- Contain threats to any person or organization, or contain information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems;
- Contain defamatory, harassing, or personal attack language or content;
- Communicate private personal information (whether the User's or someone else's), including home address, phone number, cell phone number, or personal e-mail address;
- Solicit for, promote or advertise a business or products or propose a commercial transaction;
- Support or oppose political campaigns or candidates for elective office;
- Contain sexual content or links to sexual content;
- Contain duplicate posts of comments by the same User;
- Encourage, solicit or incite illegal activity, including speech integral thereof, or include conduct in violation of federal, state, or municipal law;
- Contain content that violates a legal ownership interest (e.g., patent, trademark, copyright, or trade secret) of the State or any other party;
- Contain confidential or proprietary information;
- Contain information which may interfere, inhibit, or compromise current investigations, law enforcement tactics, or the safety of Idaho State Police employees;
- Contains spam or comments posted by "bots" or other automatic software programs.

Comments are the opinion of the commentator and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the Idaho State Police, its employees, or agents, nor does ISP endorse any third-party comments.

Comments are considered a public record subject to public disclosure under Idaho Public Records law.

Photos and Videos

ISP does not allow posting of photos, videos, or links directly to the page by anyone other than members of the agency. If you have photos, videos, or links you would like to share, e-mail isppio@isp.idaho.gov. Photos and videos submitted by e-mail must also follow the terms of use.

Third-Party Terms and Control

Any individual accessing this page is also subject to the terms of use of the website provider ("Provider"). ISP has no control over a Provider's terms of use, content, commercial advertisements, or other postings produced by the Provider that may appear on this page as part of the Provider's website environment. ISP cannot control the removal of comments associated with the Providers policies and standards.

User Privacy

Users shall have no right to privacy on ISP's social media sites. Any posts or comments submitted to ISP's social media sites are considered public records subject to ISP's record retention schedule and duties of disclosure, as are their lists of fans (i.e., the individuals who "like" or otherwise show support for a User's comment or post). A User has no right to privacy of his or her name or information submitted on ISP social media sites.

A User posting information related to a crime on this page may be placing themselves in the position of becoming a witness in court proceedings.

License to Reuse Posts and Comments

By posting or commenting on an ISP social media site, you are granting ISP and its affiliates, employees, consultants, and representatives a worldwide, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, adapt, copy, distribute, transmit, publicly display, translate, and reformat your post or comment in any existing or future media. You additionally agree that ISP may publish or otherwise disclose your name or username in connection with your post or comment.

Public Records Requests and Notices

Comments asking for public records will not be considered. Please make such requests to the appropriate Idaho State Police District. A list is available on our website.

www.isp.idaho.gov

You can't file an official complaint through ISP social media pages. Formal complaints must be filed with the Idaho State Police Office of Professional Standards. The form is available at www.isp.idaho.gov/complaint

Communications and/or requests made through ISP social media in no way constitute a legal or official notice of or comment to the Idaho State Police.

Appeal and Access Restoration Process

To have a comment unhidden or an account unblocked, the commenter must appeal to the ISP by sending an e-mail within five days of the adverse action to the PIO, at [email].

A comment will be restored to public view within fourteen days of receipt of a timely appeal, if it is determined that the comment did not violate the standards described above.

An account will be unblocked, and access will be restored, within fourteen days of receipt of a request for reinstatement, if the ISP Media Relations Office determines (a) that if the grounds for reinstatement are sufficient, or (b) a sufficient period of time has passed.

“Sufficient grounds for reinstatement” include, but are not limited to, a statement that the user will abide by this policy in the future shall be sufficient grounds for reinstatement, except when a user has continued to violate the policy after having made such a statement.

“A sufficient period of time” is any time after (a) one month after the account was blocked for the first violation of these standards, or (b) six months if the account has previously been blocked for violation of these standards.

A commenter may appeal a decision of the ISP Media Relations Office to the Director by sending an e-mail to isppio@isp.idaho.gov within 5 business days after the PIO’s decision.

Reporting Inappropriate Conduct

The Idaho State Police does not guarantee that comments are monitored regularly. In addition to engagement on the topics posted, users may report inappropriate content to the moderators of the social media website, or contact the Idaho State Polcice at isppio@isp.idaho.gov at any time to identify comments or other conduct in violation of this policy or of the law. Until a comment in violation of the policy is removed, users should ignore it or, if responding, do so in compliance with the policy.

GENERAL NOTICES

Legal notices and other requests, such as requests for records, Notices of Claim required as a condition to bring suit against the State, an arm of the State, or its employees, or service of summonses or subpoenas may not be made through social media comments and will not constitute valid compliance with statutory notice and service requirements.

Comments made on this page do not constitute official notice or comment for any rulemaking.

Any information posted on any Idaho State Police social media website is provided on an ‘as is’ basis, and all individuals who view the material assume the risk of use or reliance on such information. The Idaho State Police, officers, employees, or agents are not liable for any injury or damage resulting from viewing, distributing, or copying materials on a social media platform or account, including without limitation, liability for indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages. The Idaho State Police makes no warranty that information posted, or comments amended to any postings, are free of copyright claims or other restrictions on free use.