

KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SOCIAL MEDIA TERMS OF USE

The following are the official "social media" used by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office:

Facebook: [kitsapcountysheriff](#); Twitter/X: [@KitsapCoSheriff](#); Instagram: [kitsapsheriff](#);

YouTube: [@kitsapsheriffpio](#); Nextdoor: [01L9rRJGMJLG_Hb9m](#); LinkedIn: [Kitsap County Sheriff's Office](#).

The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) social media are intended for KCSO to post selected topics regarding its mission, programs, activities, and news stories, with the public's content intended to be limited to the selected topics KCSO posts. These Terms of Use (TOU) govern access and use of all KCSO social media. Posting any content on KCSO social media constitutes acceptance of the TOU.

Requests for Law Enforcement Assistance. DO NOT USE KCSO SOCIAL MEDIA TO REPORT A CRIME OR FOR EMERGENCIES. **To report an emergency, please contact 911, and for non-emergencies contact (360) 337-7101.**

Limited Public Forums. All KCSO social media are controlled online sites established, designated, and maintained as **limited public forums** devoted exclusively to KCSO content and relevant public comments on the subject matter of the KCSO original post. Only content that strictly complies with the TOU, as solely determined by KCSO, is permitted.

Third-Party Content. Public comments are important to KCSO and others who read KCSO social media. KCSO requests that posted content be appropriate for and respectful of the diverse population we serve and promotes an inclusive and safe environment for and tolerant of all participants. The term "content" means any materials, documents, images, videos, recordings, links, chats, and any other information posted, distributed, created, shared, or transmitted using KCSO social media. Public content does not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of KCSO. KCSO is not responsible for and neither endorses nor opposes public content by its actions or inactions related to the public content.

Prohibited Content. KCSO reserves the right to hide, remove, or delete public content without notice which in its sole discretion contains prohibited content or violates the TOU. The following public content is prohibited: Content that

1. Contains a LINK of any kind or nature, photograph, video, audio recording and/or similar media.
2. Is not topically related to the subject matter of the KCSO original post (off-topic).
3. Promotes, endorses, advertises, or solicits business/commerce, including "spam" or other commercial content.
4. Supports or opposes candidate(s) for elective office or ballot measures.
5. Violates a legal ownership interest of any person or entity (e.g. trademarked or copyrighted material).
6. Contains private personal information of any person (e.g. home address, phone number, personal email address, identification numbers, and the like).
7. Solicits, promotes, or encourages criminal activity, or violates (intentionally or unintentionally) any law.
8. Obscenity (sexually explicit content).
9. Promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, socioeconomic status, national origin, veteran status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or other protected class.
10. Contains information that may reasonably compromise the safety or security of law enforcement, another person, entity, or the public.
11. May reasonably interfere with or compromise a law enforcement investigation or law enforcement response.
12. Contains actual threats of harm to a person, property, or the public.

Assumption of Risk. By posting content on KCSO social media, you participate at your own risk and are personally responsible for all content you post including without limitation your username and information provided.

Public Records. All content on KCSO social media is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, RCW 42.56.

Legal Notice. Communications sent via social media shall in no way be deemed to constitute legal notice to the KCSO, or its elected, employees or agents, where notice is required by law, rule, regulation or contract.

Contact/Questions. If you have a photograph, video, or audio recording (and/or similar media) you want to share with KCSO or questions regarding these Terms of Use or the removal or deletion of content, please contact the KCSO Social Media Manager, Kevin McCarty at kitsapshpio@kitsap.gov.