

AQIRA ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

We strive to make AQIRA a safe, comfortable place for people to express themselves and connect with the world. Respectful behavior and empathy are enablers of free expression and open dialogue. Spirited disagreements and criticisms between people are natural, but they must be expressed civilly on our platform.

Content or conduct that threatens people's safety and well-being is prohibited. We do not tolerate hate speech, bullying, harassment, or other malicious or abusive behavior. This includes, but is not limited to, the examples listed below.

Hate Speech

We prohibit conduct and content that negatively targets, incites hatred of, or encourages violence against individuals or groups on the basis of any of the following attributes: ● Age

- Disability
- Ethnicity
- Gender Identity and Expression
- Immigration Status
- Nationality
- Race
- Religion
- Sex/Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Other Protected Characteristics

Examples of violations:

- Content that dehumanizes or promotes harmful stereotypes about a group ● Hateful slurs, either untargeted or directed toward specific individuals or groups ● Expressions of contempt, disgust, or dismissal on the basis of a person's physical disability ● Calls for exclusion or segregation on the basis of nationality
- Denying or distorting information about the Holocaust
- Mocking victims of hate crimes
- Intentionally damaging or symbolically debasing scriptures or other items associated with a specific religion

What is not a violation?

- Respectfully conducted educational discussions

- Reappropriation of targeted terms for self-referential use and without hateful intent, in music or speech

Abusive communications

Persistent, malicious, and targeted verbal or written abuse of other people is not permitted. This includes broadcasts, messages between users and spoken or written communications.

When evaluating potential bullying cases, we consider context and intent. For example, a person may have consented to appearing on [roast-style](#) comedy performance/program, where participants are intentionally mocked as part of the entertainment format. Or, for purposes of education or discussion, a broadcaster may play a brief video clip of someone engaging in bullying behavior. Such scenarios may not be policy violations, provided the context and intent are very clear to all involved. Accordingly, the key consideration is whether the content falls within legitimate educational, informational, or virtual/performative contexts.

Examples of violations:

- Repeatedly and maliciously insulting another person during a broadcast
- Attempting to attack another person through degrading, shaming, or insulting language, including the use of derogatory terms for personal attacks
- Attempting to insult another person using profane or vulgar language (including abbreviated or altered forms) or obscene gestures
- Repeatedly sending abusive or hostile comments or messages toward a specific individual

Inciting or facilitating abusive group behavior

You may not use AQIRA to encourage others to mistreat a targeted person, on or off the platform.

Examples of violations:

- “Dogpiling” live streams by organizing people to flood the targeted person’s broadcast comments with insults and other abusive language
- Encouraging others to join campaigns that collectively block, report, or spam a targeted person’s account
- Organizing coordinated harassment by instructing multiple users to mock or demean a targeted person in live chat or comment sections

Blackmail, threats, and endangerment

We do not permit implied or explicit threats of harm, statements of intent to harm, or the encouragement of harm against people, their family members, or their property. This includes

physical, financial, and social harm.

Examples of violations:

- Threatening harm
 - “If you don't do this, I'll kill you.”
 - “Just wait, I know where you live.”
 - “No matter how you try to hide, I can find your information and expose it.”
- Encouraging, expressing approval of, inciting, or facilitating physical harm
 - “Watch yourself. I will break your leg sooner or later.”
 - “Do you believe I cannot get someone to beat you up?”
 - “Keep talking and I will knock one of your teeth out.”
- Promoting religious or ideological hatred
 - “People who believe in Buddhism are superstitious and lack scientific knowledge”
 - “Followers of a certain religion are dangerous and should be banned from public activities.”
 - “Well done, ISIS! This is real jihad.”
- Calling for self-injury or suicide of a specific person
 - “Go kill yourself, that would be better for you.”
 - “Suicide-that's my advice to you. Go kill yourself, you've wasted your life.”
 - “You're fine, God bless you. Kill yourself, honestly that's the best solution, alright?”

Unwanted contact or shadowing, online or offline

Online and offline boundaries need to be respected. Repeated attempts at unwanted direct contact are not allowed.

Examples of violations:

- Sending sexually harassing direct messages to another user
- Repeatedly tagging or mentioning a targeted person across multiple posts or streams to pressure or provoke them
- Coordinating multiple accounts within the platform to repeatedly contact or harass a targeted person

Sharing sensitive personal information

You may not share someone else's personal or private information or communications without their express authorization and permission. This behavior, some of which is referred to as [Doxing](#), is strictly prohibited. Likewise, you may not threaten to share sensitive personal information or encourage other people to do it.

Examples of violations:

- Sensitive Personal Information, such as Government-issued ID, passport details, a person's home address, phone numbers, and email addresses, shared without the person's explicit consent or in a way that could put them at risk
- Financial information, such as bank account details, credit card information, or other sensitive financial records, shared without authorization

What is not a violation?

- Users sharing information that qualifies as Non-Privacy-Disclosure Content
- Users sharing public official information

We also consider the intent of the person sharing the information. If we believe a person is acting with malicious intent, this will factor into the policy decision and may also impact the penalty.