

Introduction to Intellectual Freedom in Libraries – 2015 Update An Infopeople Webinar

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Sample Facebook Policy

Presentation at <http://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=461>

Honolulu Police Department

https://www.facebook.com/honolulu.police/info?tab=page_info

Welcome to the Honolulu Police Department's Official page on Facebook! The purpose of this site is to present matters of public interest concerning the Honolulu Police Department's programs, activities, news stories, and photos. We welcome your comments, however, please note this is a moderated online discussion site and not a public forum.

If you need an official source of information about the Honolulu Police Department please visit our website at www.honolulu.police.org.

Comments made by the public to our page will be reviewed, and while comments will not be edited by our personnel, the Department reserves the right to remove comments that include:

- Comments unrelated to the purpose and topical scope of the page. The page is not meant for comments that do not directly relate to the purpose or topical scope of the page.
- Obscenity.
- Child pornography.
- Incitement to imminent lawless action.
- Speech presenting a grave and imminent threat.
- Fighting words.
- True threats.
- Fraud.
- Defamation (libel/slander)
- Solicitations to commit. or speech integral to, criminal conduct.
- Promotion or advertisement of a business or commercial transaction.
- Promotion in favor of, or in opposition to, a candidate campaigning for election to a political office.
- Copyrighted material (if posted without the copyright holder's consent).

The Department may take steps to have a comment removed if it falls within one of the foregoing categories.

Also, please keep in mind that this is an internet page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com). Facebook, Inc. owns and operates [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com). It has its own policies and standards concerning what may, and may not, be posted and the actions that it may take with regard to unauthorized posts. See "Facebook Community Standards" at www.facebook.com/communitystandards/.

The department may also take steps to remove "robo spam" and/or comments by "social bots" (i.e. content posted by automatic software programs, or "bots") if necessary to ensure access for the general public.

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

The Department is not responsible for, and neither endorses nor opposes, comments placed on this site by visitors to this site. Commenters are personally responsible for their own comments, username, and/or any information placed on this page by the commenter.

Background:

The Honolulu Police Department settled a lawsuit filed by the Hawaii Defense Foundation. The suit claimed that the department deleted unfavorable posts and banned commenters on the department's Facebook page. HPD changed its Facebook policy, lifted the ban, and allowed plaintiffs to again comment on the site. See also *HPD Ordered to Pay \$31K over Censored Facebook Comments* <http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ID/12959/HPD-Ordered-to-Pay-31K-over-Censored-Facebook-Comments.aspx>

Hawaii Defense Foundation et al v. City and County of Honolulu et al, Hawaii District Court, Case No. 1:12-cv-00469
<http://www.plainsite.org/dockets/n7t5yt8m/hawaii-district-court/hawaii-defense-foundation-et-al-v-city-and-county-of-honolulu-et-al/>

See also

National Conference of State Legislatures. Something to Like 4/1/2014
Almost everyone is using some kind of social media including legislatures and lawmakers
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/something-to-like.aspx>

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