

## **Terms of Use**

By posting or commenting on any social media platform used by the Kern County Probation Department, you participate by your own choice, taking personal responsibility for your comments, your username, and any information you provide therein. You further agree to the following terms of use: Kern County Probation Department maintains a social media program for the purpose of engaging and interacting with our clients and the community by providing information, resources, photos, and videos.

## **Not A Public Forum**

All social media platforms used by the Kern County Probation Department are not public forums. We welcome people to post their opinions and encourage posters to keep comments relevant to the topic in question. Posting of any content on any social media platform used by the Kern County Probation Department, by any visitor, follower, subscriber or fan, constitutes acceptance of the terms of use described here in this policy. For purposes of this policy, a social media platform is the website or app offered to provide audio, video, still-photo, or written communication between other members of the platform. Examples of social media platforms include Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, LinkedIn, website blogs with commenting capabilities, and forums. The definition of content as used in this policy refers to any written copy, photos, graphics, videos, live-video streams, comments, or any form of communicative content exchanged between parties.

## **Emergency or Non-Emergency Requests for Police Assistance**

The Kern County Probation Department social media platforms and website are not monitored by any public safety agency. In case of an emergency, or if police assistance is needed, please dial 911.

## **Endorsements**


“Friending” or “Liking” Kern County Probation Department, or an employee of Kern County Probation Department, does not indicate an endorsement of that person’s actions or comments. A comment posted by a member on any Kern County Probation Department social media site is the opinion of the commentator or poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement of, or agreement by, Kern County Probation Department, nor do such comments necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of Kern County Probation Department.

## **Moderation of Content**

Kern County Probation Department social media platforms are intended to be "family friendly." When applicable Kern County Probation Department uses platform provided content moderation/filtering options to limit foul or obscene content. Kern County Probation Department does actively monitor the social media platforms used and will remove inappropriate content as defined below, without prior notice, and as soon as possible. Kern County Probation Department shall reserve the right to remove and/or block anyone who posts inappropriate material as determined by the staff of the Kern County Probation Department.

This material may include, but is not limited to:

1. Comments not related to the original topic, including random or unintelligible comments;
2. Profane, obscene, or pornographic content and/or language;
3. Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, or national origin;

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- The seal of the Kern County Probation Department is a large, semi-transparent watermark in the background. It features a central five-pointed star with a blue border. Inside the star is a circular emblem with the text "COUNTY OF KERN" at the top and "PROBATION DEPARTMENT" at the bottom. The word "EUREKA" is written in the center of the emblem. The emblem depicts a landscape with a sun, mountains, a river, and a bear. The words "ACCOUNTABILITY" and "COMMUNITY" are written in a blue arc around the top and bottom of the star, respectively, with a white star on each side.
4. Defamatory or personal attacks;
  5. Threats to any person or organization;
  6. Solicitation of commerce, including but not limited to advertising of any business or product for sale; without permission from a Kern County Probation Department moderator;
  7. Conduct in violation of any federal, state, or local law;
  8. Encouragement of illegal activity;
  9. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems;
  10. Content that violates a legal ownership interest, such as a copyright, of any party;
  11. Harassment or content which constitutes and/or facilitates stalking;
  12. Content which violates the right to privacy;
  13. Encouragement of unnecessary violence;
  14. Repetitive content;
  15. Comments which may reasonably interfere with, inhibit, or compromise law enforcement investigations, police tactics, police responses to incidents and/or the safety of police staff and officers;
  16. Personally identifiable medical information.

## **Denial of Access**



The Kern County Probation Department reserves the right to deny access to any Kern County Probation Department social media sites for any individual, who violates Kern County Probation Department Social Media Terms of Use, at any time and without prior notice. If you wish to contest the removal or hiding of your content or your denial of access ("banned") from our social media platforms, you may do so by contacting us at (661) 868-4100.

### **Facebook's Community of Standards**

All comments posted to any Kern County Probation Department Facebook site are bound by Facebook's Community Standards, located at <http://www.facebook.com/communitystandards>, and the Kern County Probation Department reserves the right to report any violation of Facebook's Community Standards to Facebook with the intent of Facebook taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

### **The Twitter Rules**

When applicable Kern County Probation Department reserves the right to report any violation of the Twitter Rules, located at <https://support.twitter.com/articles/18311> with the intent of Twitter taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

### **YouTube Community Guidelines**

When applicable, Kern County Probation Department reserves the right to report any violation of the YouTube Community Guidelines, located at <http://www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/communityguidelines.html> with the intent of YouTube taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

## **Instagram Community Guidelines**

When applicable, the Kern County Probation Department reserves the right to report any violation of the Instagram Community Guidelines, located at <https://help.instagram.com/477434105621119/> with the intent of Instagram taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

## **LinkedIn User Agreement**

When applicable, the Kern County Probation Department reserves the right to report any violation of the LinkedIn User Agreement, located at <https://www.linkedin.com/legal/user-agreement> with the intent of LinkedIn taking appropriate and reasonable responsive action.

## **Questions**

Should you have any questions in regards to items contained herein this Terms of Use, please contact the Professional Standards Unit at (661) 868-4100.

