



# Community Protection Policy

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If you are experiencing abuse and feel like you are in crisis, please call the 24-hour National Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255, text HOME to 741741, or chat here:

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 150 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices. [6]: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>

## Classification

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# 1 Rights Protection Policy

The .gay Rights Protections Policy exists to establish .gay as a gay-friendly Internet space. This policy exists to discourage homophobic, anti-LGBTQIA+ usage and provide specific remedies for domain names that intentionally use .gay to malign or harm LGBTQIA+ individuals or groups. While we are unable to monitor all content hosted on .gay domain names in real time for compliance, we will accept and investigate complaints in accordance with this policy.

The Registry reserves the right to update the policy and refer cases to partner organizations for external adjudication.

Pursuant to this policy the Registry may suspend, place on serverHold, revoke, or cancel registrations at its sole discretion. The Registry may request content be removed by the registrant via the sponsoring Registrar or web host.

The following behaviors are prohibited on .gay domains:

- Inciting or promoting violence against LGBTQIA+ persons;
- Bullying, engaging in cyber bullying or inciting others to bully;
- Harassing, or encouraging others to harass or harm others;
- Stalking;
- Abusive intent to cause fear or threaten violence;
- Hate speech; or
- Activity intended to organize, coordinate, or otherwise enable one of the above.

Additionally, registrations are prohibited to parties that are, or are associated with, recognized hate groups. Domains with forum websites must have enforcement policies and capabilities to respond to contributor behavior that violates the above.

The Registry reserves the right not to respond to claims made in bad faith.

While the Registry is dedicated to enforcing its policy and follow up to complaints in a timely manner, the Registry is not responsible for registrants' content, and therefore cannot guarantee that .gay websites will be free from content that violates its policies. Failure to enforce this policy or respond to a complaint does not constitute a waiver of our right to enforce it; nor does this policy create any obligations to users or any third-party beneficiary rights or private rights of action.

## Reporting Process

This is how content reporting is handled by us and what you can expect.

If you believe content is violating our .gay Rights Protections Policy, you can:

- Contact us at [abuse@registry.godaddy](mailto:abuse@registry.godaddy) or submit a case online via our website at <https://registry.godaddy>.
- State the domain name and a summary of the violation in your email report, as well as any details or evidence that backs up your complaint.

We review domain abuse reports and take action on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the specific details of the case, we may take action immediately or time may be taken to consult externally and/or provide remediation time to the Sponsoring Registrar.

## 2 Registry Donation

The Registry Operator donates a percentage of all new .gay registration revenue to LGBTQIA+ charitable organizations. The percentage of revenue and specific charities are identified and/or updated by the Registry, in its sole discretion.

Registrars should provide notice to potential registrants during the registration process that the Registry donates a portion of every registration to recognized charities focused on LGBTQIA+ communities.

Current charities will be listed on Registry website and are subject to update. Current charities may be named in the Registrar's notice.

Registrar is encouraged and may choose to make additional donations to these charities or other LGBTQIA+ charity partners.

### 3 Definition and Review

This document has been prepared and published to represent our policy regarding the administrative and technical management of the TLD.

All domain names in the TLD are subject to the Published Policies. It is your responsibility to ensure that you read and understand these policies as they apply to you. We may discontinue or amend any part or the whole of this policy from time to time at our absolute discretion.

Further policy and procedure in relation to the TLD can be found at the following link:

<http://domains.registry.godaddy/>.

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