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- use the Website or its Content for commercial or philanthropic prospection purposes (including by use of unsolicited commercial e-mail or SPAM);
- interfere with the security of, or otherwise abuse, the Website or any services, system resources, accounts, servers or networks connected to or accessible through the Website or affiliated or linked Websites;
- disrupt or interfere with any other person's use or enjoyment of the Website or affiliated or linked Websites;
- upload, post or otherwise transmit on the Website any items, including without limitation computer viruses, Trojan horses, worms or other harmful, disruptive or destructive files or computer programs; or
- use any robot, spider or other automatic program or device, or manual process to monitor, copy, summarize, or otherwise extract information from the Website or the Content in whole or in part.

You agree that you are solely responsible for all your actions and communications undertaken or transmitted in the course of your usage of the Website, and that you will comply with all applicable laws concerning the use of or activities on the Website or in respect of the Content. You shall be solely liable for any damages resulting from any infringement of copyright, trademark or other proprietary right, or any other harm resulting from your use of the Website.

4. Site Listing Services

4.1 Listing Policy

211 Ontario and its affiliates collect, maintain and disseminate human service information that enables people to make informed choices to improve their quality of life.

Inclusion in the database of human services listed on the Website is free and is not dependent upon the purchase of a membership, products or separate advertising space from 211 Ontario or any of its affiliates.

Subject to the priorities detailed in the next section, the database includes organizations or programs primarily located in or serving the area that:

- Provide a direct service to the public
- Are networks or coalitions of direct service providers
- Are involved in licensing, planning or coordinating direct services
- Are not-for-profit, community-based or government organizations

- Are commercial organizations that provide first priority services not offered by the nonprofit sector
- Are commercial organizations licenced by the government or with special contractual agreements to operate long term care facilities, child care centres and certain home care services

Organizations must demonstrate the ability to provide ongoing reliable services and have an established funding base or the support of an established parent organization. Exceptions may be made in emerging or underfunded service areas.

[211Ontario.ca \[link\]](#) provides several portals, such as [Access to Professions and Trades in Ontario](#), [Directory of Youth Justice Services in Ontario](#) and [Ontario Aboriginal Calendar and Services Directory \[links\]](#), with province-wide information on specific topics.

4.2 First and Second Priorities

It is the policy of 211 Ontario to set first and second priorities for the listing of services on the Website. For first-priority areas, every effort is made to have comprehensive listings of all eligible services. For second-priority areas, collection depends on staff resources, agreements with other agencies, and the ability of other agencies to collect and disseminate information. Rather than collect comprehensive information in second-priority areas, 211 Ontario may collect information regarding representative or umbrella groups, or refer Users to other telephone or Internet-based services.

211 Ontario gives first priority to basic subsistence and survival related services, including:

- Food, clothing and shelter
- Emergency assistance
- Crisis intervention
- Financial assistance
- Legal and correctional services
- Victim services
- Immigrant and refugee services
- Physical and mental health services
- Employment and training services
- Home support
- Public and specialized transportation
- Child care
- Access to permanent affordable housing

211 Ontario also gives first priority to services for people who may experience barriers to service because of:

- Language spoken
- Ethnocultural group

- Age, including risk factors associated with infants, children, youth or seniors
- Low income, unemployment or lack of education or literacy
- Physical, mental or developmental disabilities
- Homelessness or social isolation
- Immigration or refugee status
- Fear of violence

211 Ontario gives second priority to the following quality of life services, unless they are for people who may experience barriers to service:

- Education
- Recreation
- Consumer assistance
- Environment
- Peace and disarmament
- International development

4.3 Exclusion

211 Ontario reserves the right to exclude from the database any organization that it has, in its own discretion, adequate reason to believe may spread hatred or have a philosophy that could be hurtful to the well-being of individuals, groups or the community as a whole.

Potential grounds for exclusion or removal from the database may include, but is not limited to, service non-delivery, fraud, misrepresentation, discrimination, criminal activities, or operating outside licensing mandates.

211 Ontario reserves the right to refuse to list or to discontinue listings for organizations that have had serious complaints lodged against them with any regulatory body or with other organizations in the database providing similar services, or with 211 Ontario itself.

Decisions to include, exclude, or remove a service listing may be appealed by writing to 211 Ontario or its affiliates after a reasonable attempt has been made to resolve the issue with the editorial staff.

4.4 Referral to Other Services

211 Ontario provides links to external Websites for some frequently sought services not listed on the Website, such as consulates and embassies.

Users unable to find the information they need are invited to call 211. Also, 211 centres are part of Ontario's extensive network of Community Information Centres [[link](#)]. Many of these multi-service agencies focus on specific communities or neighbourhoods and may provide local information on service clubs, schools, sports and hobby groups, etc.

4.5 Listing Updates

Most organizations listed on the Website are asked annually to complete a written questionnaire or to update their information by telephone, fax or e-mail. In addition, the editorial team monitors service changes, and major changes are made as soon as the information is known and verified with the service provider. Nevertheless, community services change so rapidly that some omissions and inaccuracies are inevitable.

211 Ontario encourages organizations to use the Website to notify the editorial team of service changes throughout the year by using the update information option found on all records on the Website. 211 Ontario reserves the right to verify each change with the service provider.

The amount of detail, the language used and the presentation of information in describing a service or organization is at the discretion of 211 Ontario.

Changes submitted will not appear automatically or immediately on the Website. Changes are first verified and processed by staff, with the data on this Website typically updated once a week.

5. Linking

211 Ontario encourages organizations to use the Website as a central collection of quality information. If you would like to link to the Website, we request that you:

- Inform us that you are creating a link by sending a message to info@211Ontario.ca. Please indicate the URL of the page where the link will be placed. We will add you to our e-mail list to provide you with automatic updates about this Website; and
- Link to the Website home page instead of specific pages within the Website.

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13. Agreement to Privacy Policy

The User can find further information on the collection, use, communication, and disclosure of their personal data in 211 Ontario's Privacy Policy [**Note: Include hyperlink to privacy policy**]. The Privacy Policy is incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

14. Contact Us

If you are experiencing difficulties in using the Website or if you have any questions or comments regarding the Website, please contact us at info@211Ontario.ca.

15. General Provisions

The User agrees that all matters relating to the access to, or use of the Website and its Content shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada notwithstanding any otherwise applicable conflict of laws rule. The User hereby consents and submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario in any action or proceeding instituted under or related to this Agreement.

If any provision of this Agreement is found to be unlawful, void or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed to be severed from the rest of this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

The provisions of this Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and each of their respective successors and assigns.

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