



## DOT HIPHOP ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY Effective February 2022

Dot HipHop (DHH) is committed to the stable, secure, and resilient operation of the .HipHop generic Top-Level Domain (.HipHop). The abusive registration and/or use of .HipHop domain names creates security, stability and resiliency issues for all Internet users. Therefore, .HipHop requires that all domain name registered in .HipHop adhere to this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

DHH will address abusive behavior in .HipHop consistent with this AUP. In order to report instances of abuse, we have established an abuse point of contact through the e-mail address published on our main Website <http://www.get.hiphop> (currently [abuse@get.HipHop](mailto:abuse@get.HipHop)). This e-mail address will allow us to monitor and address abuse reports. DHH may also elect to publish a Complaint Abuse Form in the near future to make it easier for Internet users to reach DHH directly.

Consistent with all gTLD Registries, DHH reserves the right, at its sole discretion and at any time and without limitation, to deny, suspend, cancel, redirect, or transfer any registration or transaction, or place any domain name(s) on registry lock, hold, or similar status as it determines necessary for any of the following reasons:

- Illegal or fraudulent actions;
- Spam, including using electronic messaging systems to send unsolicited bulk messages, including but not limited to e-mail spam, instant messaging spam, mobile messaging spam, and the spamming of Internet forums;
- phishing, or any attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication;
- Pharming: The redirecting of unknowing users to fraudulent sites or services, typically through DNS hijacking or poisoning;
- Willful distribution of malware: The dissemination of software designed to infiltrate or damage a computer system without the owner's informed consent. Examples include, without limitation, computer viruses, worms, key loggers, and Trojan horses.
- Botnets, including malicious fast-flux hosting;
- Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM)
- Cyber-bullying, harassment, or other forms of abuse to individuals or groups;
- Illegal Distribution of Pharmaceuticals including promotion, encouragement, sale, or distribution of prescription medication without a valid prescription in violation of applicable law;
- Illegal Access to other people's computers: illegally accessing computers, accounts, or networks belonging to another party, or attempting to penetrate security measures of another individual's system (often known as "hacking"). Also, any activity that might be used as a precursor to an attempted system penetration (e.g., port scan, stealth scan, or other information gathering
- Failure by registrant of a two-character SLD to take steps to ensure against misrepresenting or falsely implying that it is affiliated with the corresponding government or country-code manager, if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist.



In addition, DHH reserves the right to deny, cancel or transfer any registration or transaction, or place any domain name(s) on registry lock, hold or similar status, that it deems necessary, in its discretion; (1) to protect the integrity and stability of the registry; (2) to comply with any applicable laws, government rules or requirements, requests of law enforcement, or any dispute resolution process; (3) to avoid any liability, civil or criminal, on the part of DHH, as well as its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees; (4) per the terms of the registration agreement or (5) to correct mistakes made by DHH or any Registrar in connection with a domain name registration. DHH also reserves the right to place upon registry lock, hold or similar status a domain name during resolution of a dispute.