

FACEBOOK PRIVACY MANAGEMENT Protecting Your Site and Your Events from Scams

As of this writing (September 2023), several chapters have experienced a series of scams associated with their events, especially where vendors and vendor fees are concerned. It seems bad actors have been targeting craft shows, etc. where vendors are asked to pre-register for a space and hijacking the registration process with innocuous sounding messages to the potential vendors through Facebook Messenger.

Some additional information for you and your vendors can be found at: BBB Scam Alert: Think twice before filling out craft fair applications

In order to protect your Facebook events (and indeed your page), it is suggested you do the following:

- I. Make sure you are logged-in as your group's page Administrator.
- 2. Go to your Facebook home by clicking on the Facebook logo on the top left.
- 3. Click on the profile picture located on the top right of the screen.
- 4. Click Settings & privacy. (Note that in some cases this might just be Settings.)

(Scenario I):



(Scenario 2):



5. Click *Privacy* on the left menu, then click *Settings*. DO NOT CHOOSE *PRIVACY CENTER* if that is an available option.



6. Select Public Posts from the left menu.



- 7. Click the *Country Restrictions Edit* option on the right (listed under the "Restrictions" box, see green highlight above).
- 8. Select Hide from Certain Countries.



9. In the drop-down box, begin typing the name of the country. The country's name will appear in the box. Click on the country name to add it to the restricted list. Add the country names to the search field and hit *Save*.

Limiting access from the following countries is recommended to assist in reducing the amount of spam bots and scam attempts:

Azerbaijan	Pakistan	North Korea
Russia	India	Nigeria
Turkey	Nepal	Hungary
China	Romania	
Brazil	Afghanistan	

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Privacy	Restrictions
${f f}$ Facebook Page information	Country Restrictions
Page and tagging	You can choose to show your Page to people in certain countries or hide it from people in others. If no
Public posts	countries are listed, your Page will be visible to everyone.
⁰ ° Blocking	Search Countries Azerbaijan × Russia × Turkey × China × Brazil × Bangladesh ×
D Stories	Pakistan × India × Nepal × Romania × Afghanistan × Iran ×
Reels	North Korea × Nigeria × Hungary × Enter Countries
Journalist resources	Show only to certain countries
P Reaction preferences	Hide from certain countries
	Changing country restrictions will limit who can see your Page and personalized content on your Page, including targeted ads.
	Cancel

10. After the list is saved, refresh the page. The changes will be made, and you are finished.