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Linking to the Services and Social Media Features/Content Standards

You may link to our homepage, provided you do so in a way that is fair and legal and does not damage our reputation or take advantage of it, but you must not establish a link in such a way as to suggest any form of association, approval, or endorsement on our part without our express written consent. The Services may provide certain social media features that enable you to:

- Link from your own or certain third-party websites to certain content on the Services.
- Send emails or other communications with certain content, or links to certain content, on this Services.
- Cause limited portions of content on this Services to be displayed or appear to be displayed on your own or certain third-party websites.

You may use these features solely as they are provided by us and solely with respect to the content they are displayed with and otherwise in accordance with any additional terms and conditions we provide with respect to such features. Subject to the foregoing, you must not:

- Establish a link from any part of the Services you do not own.
- Cause the Services or portions of it to be displayed on, or appear to be displayed by, any other site, for example, framing, deep linking, or in-line linking.
- Link to any part of the Services other than the homepage.
- Otherwise take any action with respect to the materials on these Services that is inconsistent with any other provision of these Terms of Use.

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- Promote any illegal activity, or advocate, promote, or assist any unlawful act.
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- Involve commercial activities or sales, such as contests, sweepstakes, and other sales promotions, barter, or advertising.
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Limitation on Time to File Claims

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