



## Content policy

Blizzard Comedy is more than a comedy night, it is a safe space for both our acts and audiences. In order to achieve this we enforce a strict content policy – this is in place in order to give our audiences a place where they can feel safe and assured that they are not going to be victimized or deliberately targeted at our nights, and not in any way an attempt to stifle freedom of speech.

**Please ensure that you have read and understood our content policy before applying to perform at Blizzard.**

Our content policy works in a traffic light system with **Red** being content which is not permitted at all **Amber** being content which is permitted with content/trigger warnings (which will be displayed on our projector during the interval, and during each act's set) and **Green** being permitted without prior content/trigger warnings. Our list is as follows:

### Red

Racism  
Sexism  
Homophobia  
Transphobia (including deliberate or careless misgendering)  
Classism  
Ablism  
Fatphobia  
General bigotry/Punching Down  
Etc

Instances of these kinds of material/jokes may result in blacklisting from the gig, and in extreme cases being asked to leave the stage early.

If you are part of a marginalized group and want to talk about your own experience of any of these, that is of course permitted – as is material which is fighting against these topics.

### Amber

Rape/Sexual Assault  
War/Extreme violence  
Terminal Illness  
Torture  
Grooming/Paedophilia  
Childbirth  
Domestic Abuse  
Death  
Non-Consensual Audience Interaction\*

Please note, that due to the improvised nature of our livestreams, we do not expect acts to provide content warnings for these.

\*Audience Interaction is permitted only with prior consent; this is indicated by stickers audience members can choose to wear from the door – no sticker = no interaction. (This does not cover heckling – if you heckle, the comedian will likely respond to you regardless)

It's worth noting that while these topics are permitted with content warnings, they are permitted under the context of speaking about one's own experience, or in a way that is not punching down at the victims.

## Non-Consensual Audience Interaction\*

We also understand that you might not always know 100% what you may say on stage prior to performing, and that improvisation and off the cuff lines are common in many acts. The content warnings are a guideline, and audiences are informed that we cannot completely guarantee that any given trigger might not come up.

Breaking these parameters will not result in a blacklisting, however we do always ask acts to be diligent and mindful with their content – as this really helps maintain the culture of safety and inclusivity we aim to promote.

## Green

Green is everything else. If you are unsure whether a bit you do requires a content warning or not, feel free to run it by us, and we will advise. We do not wish to discourage comedians tackling difficult topics, we consider it to be more important to ever that we do discuss and challenge where appropriate – just be aware to declare it prior to the show so our audience have the informed option to leave if a topic they struggle with is likely to come up.