

SOCIAL COMMENTARY RESPONSE POLICY

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6 Steps to a Social Business...
the never-ending story
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LISTEN

YES

WEB POSTING
Has someone discovered a post about the organization?
Is it positive or balanced?

NO

EVALUATE

CONCURRENCE
A factual and well-cited response, which may agree or disagree with the post, yet is not factually erroneous, a rant or rage, bashing or negative in nature.
You can concur with the post, let stand or provide a positive review.
Do you want to respond?

NO

LET STAND
Let the post stand—no response.

YES

“TROLLS”
Is this a site dedicated to bashing and degrading others?

NO

“RAGER”
Is the posting a rant, rage, joke or satirical in nature?

NO

“MISGUIDED”
Are there erroneous facts in the posting?

NO

“UNHAPPY CUSTOMER”
Is the posting a result of a negative experience?

NO

YES

MONITOR ONLY
Avoid responding to specific posts, monitor site for relevant information and comments.
Notify HQ.

YES

FIX THE FACTS
Do you wish to respond with factual information directly on the comment board?

YES

RESTORATION
Do you wish to rectify the situation and act upon a reasonable solution?

RESPOND

YES

SHARE SUCCESS
Do you wish to proactively share your story and your mission?

FINAL EVALUATION
Write response for current circumstances only.
Will you respond?

YES

RESPONSE CONSIDERATIONS

TRANSPARENCY
Disclose your business connection.

SOURCING
Cite your sources by including hyperlinks, images, video or other references.

TIMELINESS
Take time to create good responses.
Don't rush.

TONE
Respond in a tone that reflects highly on the rich heritage of the business.

INFLUENCE
Focus on the most used sites related to the business.