Updated rules and procedure for joining the LKID WhatsApp and Telegram groups

The LKID has two community forum groups: '**Chatabox**' (on WhatsApp) and '**LKID Emergency Alert**' (on Telegram) and these are available for use by residents within the LKID footprint.

Each group serves a different purpose but both groups are subject to the POPI Act (protection of personal information) and other legislation (e.g. against hate speech).

Moderators of community groups are obliged to ensure that posts fall within the law, and moderators can be held personally liable if offensive posts appear.

CHAT a BOX

We encourage community chatter but we are obliged to draw the line with the following in order to conform with legislation:

Not Allowed ...

--   Crime reporting or crime related posts (use the Telegram option).

--   Advertising for home sales or cottage or room accommodation

--   Advertising for house keepers, child minders or gardeners

--   Photographs of children or adults

--   Photographs of vehicles displaying number plates

--   Photographs of buildings or security infrastructure

--   Naming and shaming of individuals, services or businesses.

--   Racist and defamatory rhetoric, religion or politics

Disregard of any of the above may result in you being removed from the group and possibly reported to the police.

Please do ...

--   Advertise your products, service or items for sale (on Fridays only)

--   Ask for recommendations or advice on home improvement or any other services

--   Missing Cat and Dog post with a picture of the pet

--   Gardening tips, excess fruit, veggies, plants and any other items to give away free

--   Computer and service provider issues

--   Wild life like Albino squirrels, birds, owls, hawks, eagles, snakes and wild bunnies of interest spotted in the hood. Golden Moles are protected but if spotted please post a picture.

EMERGENCY ALERT

LKID EMERGENCY ALERT (on Telegram)

Please note that this group is monitored directly by LKID and other first responders (Princeton, Police, as well as neighbourhood watch groups in surrounding areas). When a message is received on this group, all the above linked groups are notified at the same time. For this reason the Alert group is to be used only in these circumstances:

--   You have seen a crime being committed (e.g. mugging, hijacking)

--   You have witnessed a traffic accident in our area, and help is needed urgently

--   Other active emergency, e.g. house fire, home invasion.

To join CHATABOX on WhatsApp -- send a message on Whatsapp to Rory Moore on 082 898 9154. You will be asked to agree to the Rules before being accepted.

To join the EMERGENCY ALERT on Telegram -- download and install the Telegram app then look for Rory Moore and send him a request to join the group. You will be asked to agree to the Rules before being accepted.

To be added to either group you will need to **provide your full name, house number and street name**.

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