

CONTENT REMOVAL POLICY

At We Are Knox County, we are committed to responsible, ethical journalism and the public's right to know. We understand the content we publish can impact people's lives, and we take that responsibility seriously. However, preserving the integrity of the public record is a core part of our mission.

When We Will Consider Removing a Story

We may consider removing or significantly altering a published article in **rare and specific cases**, including:

- **Factual Inaccuracy with Harmful Impact:** The article contains substantial errors that could mislead readers or cause undue harm.
- **Protecting Privacy or Safety:** The content includes private or sensitive information about minors, victims of serious crimes, or individuals whose safety may be at risk.
- **Clear Ethical Concerns:** The story violates our editorial standards — for example, publishing irrelevant personal details that do not serve the public interest.
- **Redundancy or Lack of Relevance:** The article is outdated, duplicated elsewhere on our platform, or no longer serves a journalistic purpose.

All requests for content removal are carefully **reviewed on a case-by-case basis** by our editorial team. While we take each concern seriously, **we do not typically remove stories from our website**. When warranted, we may issue a correction, clarification, or update in place of removal. If any changes are made, an editorial note will be added at the end of the article to ensure full transparency.

When We Will Not Remove a Story

We generally **do not** remove content for the following reasons:

- The subject is unhappy with how they were portrayed, but the reporting is accurate and newsworthy.
- The article contains truthful information that may be uncomfortable, controversial, or damaging to someone's reputation.
- A request is made to remove the story for personal or professional reasons, such as job applications, elections, or online visibility.
- There is pressure from advertisers, community figures, or others to remove the story for non-editorial reasons.
- The article is part of the public record or has historical value and meets our journalistic standards.