

WEBSITE POLICY



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Introduction



This website policy discloses the privacy and security practices for www.cfbhfg.com, www.community1st.com, and www.hfgtrust.com. This policy applies solely to information on this website. The combined entities, Community First Bank and HFG Trust, will be referred throughout this document as “The Company”.

Objective

It is the policy of The Company to utilize the websites as an effective information tool to educate clients about our products and services. Our websites are a dynamic and evolving technology and any definition listed is meant to be illustrative and not exhaustive.

The Company recognizes the importance of having an updated online presence, a platform to engage and inform our clients, prospective clients and community.

Statement of Purpose

The Company recognizes there are inherent risks with having a website. Websites poses compliance, reputational, operational, legal risk and even risk of harm to consumers and The Company. Therefore, the Board has approved this Website Policy to facilitate both direction and guidance to mitigate such risk.

The content of the pages of these websites are for your general information and use only. It is subject to change without notice. This website contains material which is owned by or licensed to The Company. This material includes, but is not limited to, the design, layout, look, appearance and graphics. Reproduction is prohibited other than in accordance with the copyright notice, which forms part of these terms and conditions.

Responsibility of Policy

The Marketing Team Lead and Chief Information Officer are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy. The Marketing Team Lead and IT Department will consistently review and recommend changes to this policy as they deem applicable for compliance and risk mitigation. Any violation of this policy must be promptly reported to the responsible parties.

Compliance and Legal Risks

Compliance and legal risk arise from the potential for violations of, or noncompliance with, laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, internal policies and procedures, or

ethical standards. Failure to adequately address these risks can expose The Company to enforcement actions and/or civil lawsuits. If The Company is to update content on the websites to market products, new accounts and promote brand awareness, The Company will take appropriate steps to ensure that advertising, account origination, and document retention are performed in compliance with applicable consumer protection and compliance laws and regulations.

Web Content Management

Content that appears on these websites will ensure that brand consistency is followed and represents The Company in a positive light. All pages and content will be housed within the website's WordPress Content Management System for proper reporting of activity.

Information and media that is published to The Company's websites, including but not limited to product pages, written blogs, video content, white papers, financial reports, and promotions will be reviewed by the Marketing Team Lead prior to publishing. Additionally, web content including information about individual departments of The Company, will be first approved by the departments' stakeholders prior to publishing. Updates and changes to any website content are subject to all other guidelines reflected in the policy.

Information Collection and Sharing

We are the sole owners of the information collected on these sites. We only have access to information that visitors voluntarily give us via email or other direct contact from a client. Our intention is not to sell or rent information to anyone.

We will use all information provided to respond to clients and prospects, regarding the reason they have contacted us. We will not share their information with any third party outside of our organization, other than as necessary to fulfill your request, e.g. to ship an order.

Unless the client or prospect specifically asks us not to, we may contact them via email in the future to tell them about promotions, new products and services and changes to company policies.

Security

We take precautions to protect client and company information. When sensitive information is submitted via these websites, the information is protected both online and offline. You can verify this by looking for a closed lock icon at the bottom of your web

browser, or looking for "https" at the beginning of the address of the web page. While we use encryption to protect sensitive information transmitted online, we also protect client's information offline. Only employees who need the information to perform a specific job (for example, billing or customer service) are granted access to personally identifiable information. The computers/servers in which we store personally identifiable information are kept in a secure environment and will not be present on our websites.

Change in Management Systems

Our websites work with a list of external management systems. If there is a change in system management, our procedural manual will outline the necessary steps to remove the existing vendor and approve a replacement.

3rd Party Responsibility

Regularly updating and maintaining our websites is crucial to ensuring that our sites operate at full capacity. The Company websites utilize Word Press Content Management System and will routinely look for patch updates. Failing to do so will leave our websites susceptible to hacking and data breaching. As more end user systems can leave the network, patching frequency becomes more important. For example: Microsoft may keep to a predictable security patch release cycle (Patch Tuesday, second Tuesday of every month, except February 2017), but most other vendors have unpredictable release schedules. We have outsourced this responsibility to a third party to ensure WordPress patches are updated frequently. They provide a quarterly report and analysis identifying possible threats and activity on our websites.

Google Analytics

We use a tool called "Google Analytics" to collect information about use of The Company sites. Google Analytics collects information such as how often users visit this sites, what pages they visit when they do so, and what other sites they used prior to coming to these sites. We utilize the information available from Google Analytics only to improve these sites for performance, navigation, and other beneficial end user experiences. Google Analytics collects only the IP address assigned to the visitor on the date they visit our sites, rather than any personal information. We do not combine the information collected through the use of Google Analytics with personally identifiable information. Although Google Analytics plants a permanent cookie on a visitor's web browser to identify them as a unique user the next time they visit our sites, the cookie cannot be used by anyone but

Google. Google's ability to use and share information collected by Google Analytics about visitors information is restricted by the Google Analytics Terms of Use (as amended for government websites) and the Google Privacy Policy. All visitors can prevent Google Analytics from recognizing them on return visits to these sites by disabling cookies on their browser.

External Linking

These sites may contain external website links in articles and blog posts as source citations and provide additional resources to visitors. When a visitor clicks on an external link, a pop-up notice will appear stating they are about to leave the website, and the visitor must acknowledge this warning and choose to continue to the external website at their own risk. The Company does not endorse the content of external websites, nor follow the same security parameters by the link site, and visitors should exercise caution when following external links.

Approving third party links involves a review by the resident department manager (i.e. Lead Mortgage Officer, Chief Lending Officer) and the Market Team Lead for credibility and security. Our procedural manual will outline how a third party becomes eligible and the process of creating new web linking relationships. In the event that The Company enters an agreement with third parties to offer certain services or features – e.g. online banking portal, 401K account portal – the pop-up notice will not appear.

California Disclaimer and Tracking of Cookies

In accordance with California regulations, The Company discloses that it uses tracking technologies, such as cookies, to collect information about users of these websites. This information may include, but is not limited to, IP addresses, browser types, and pages visited. This information is used to analyze website usage and improve the user experience.

Users of these websites may opt out of tracking technologies by declining on the notice, adjusting their browser settings, or using a privacy extension. However, doing so may affect the functionality of these websites. By using these websites, users acknowledge and agree to the tracking of their information as described in this policy.

This policy is subject to change at any time and users are encouraged to review it regularly. By continuing to use these websites, users acknowledge and agree to the terms of this policy.