

In order to participate in the **BIC Community** Blog or add a Blog to the **BIC** Community web site you must comply with the following guidelines:

1. We'd prefer you use your real name. We'd rather you not write anonymously or under a pseudonym. However, on occasion that will be appropriate and we'll use your relationship to the brain injury community, i.e., TBI Mom, and the city and state you reside.

See [CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR PROPOSING CUTS TO INHOME SUPPORT SERVICES \(IHSS\)](#) .

Your name or the name of your business should be prominently displayed on your Blog and in your signature block on the [BIC Community Blog](#) . This will add credibility and promote accountability within the brain injury community.

2. Your blog entries legally belong to you and represent your thoughts and opinions. If you have your own Blog site, it is important that you remind your readers of this fact by including a disclaimer similar to the following:

"The posts on this Blog are provided 'as is' with no warranties and confer no rights. The opinions expressed on this site are my own."

You assume full responsibility and liability for all actions arising from your blogs. We also request that you add a copyright notice on your personal Blog web site in your name or the name of your organization, e.g., "© 2008, John Q. Public, 2008 Community Brain Injury Network".

[BIC Bloggin' - Voices of the brain injury community](#) has its own disclaimer.

3. You have a unique perspective on brain injury based on your experience, education, and profession. We want people to learn more about acquired brain injury (ABI) from hearing your

perspective on brain injury and other issues that matter to the brain injury community.

4. The community Blog can highlight only one blog at a time. I hope in the future we can add a blog aggregator to our web site similar to [Blogs for Terri](#) .

If you'd like to write a blog for the **BIC**, please contact the [BIC Team](#) .

If you have your own Blog, try to write on a regular basis. For some, this will be daily; for others, it may be weekly. The important thing is to post consistently; new content is what keeps readers coming back to a site.

5. Be polite in your Blogs. You may respectfully agree to disagree with others or issues, but please do not attack other individuals or organizations (businesses, nonprofits, etc.).

Please follow the golden rule:

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you . . ."

~Matthew 7:12

6. Do not disclose confidential, financial, proprietary, or sensitive information about the **BIC** or any organization you are affiliated with.

7. Respect copyrights. For your protection, do not post any material that is copyrighted unless (a) you are the copyright owner, (b) you have written permission of the copyright owner to post the copyrighted material on your Blog, or (c) you are sure that the use of any copyrighted material is permitted by the legal doctrine of "[fair use](#) ."

8. Do not post any material that is obscene, defamatory, profane, libelous, threatening, harassing, abusive, hateful, embarrassing to another person or entity, or violates the privacy rights of another.

9. Do not post material that contains viruses, Trojan horses, worms, or any other computer code that is intended to damage, interfere with, or surreptitiously intercept or expropriate any system, data, or information.

If you do not abide by the above guidelines, the **BIC** reserves the right not to post your blog on the **BIC's Community Blog** and/or to stop linking to your personal and/or Organization's Blog.