

Defamation Law of UAE

Defamation comes under the remit of the Penal Code, making it an offence to publish information that exposes another person or entity to contempt or public humiliation. Additionally, making false accusations that discredits or dishonors another person is a form of defamation. Posting defamatory statements on social media platforms will mean the violation of some interconnected laws in the UAE (including WhatsApp, social media, websites, SMS and email) may be an offence under Federal Law No. 5 of 2012 (the "Cyber Crime Law").

Potential punishment

A fine between Dh250,000 and Dh1,000,000, in addition to imprisonment.

Further information is available by using the QR code

