

CENTRAL VALLEY FILM DATABASE: RULES

- This talent and crew database will be a private database, with a password that changes every month. To access the database, users will have to go through Sky Tallone or one of our approved Central Valley Film managers. The safety and privacy of our members is a top priority.
- Access will only be granted to those who are recruiting for legitimate film/video projects. This means BOTH of the following are true:
 - The project is associated with a reputable production company or casting director, OR is associated with a known and trusted local filmmaker who is a member of the Central Valley Filmmaker Meetup, and has personally attended at least one meeting.
 - There is a script and production schedule for the project.
- The following are NOT considered to be legitimate projects, and will not be approved to access the database:
 - An idea which does not have a completed script, production schedule, or reputable attachments.
 - Amateur photographers looking for models. This is not a modeling agency. The database can be accessed by *professional* photographers with appropriate projects.
 - Pornography, or anything remotely pornographic.
 - Unknown individuals who are not reputable or established, locally or in the industry.
 - Individuals/Companies which have been banned from the database.
- The following behaviors are inappropriate and will get users BANNED from the database:
 - Attempting to contact or recruit minors under 18 without first consulting their parent/guardian.
 - Sexual advances made during the recruitment/audition process, or toward a minor.
 - Behavior which makes someone in the database feel uncomfortable or violated.
 - Discrimination based on protected classifications such as gender and ethnicity.
 - Failure to pay crew/talent what they are owed, or to meet agreed upon terms. Many projects are low budget and therefore unpaid, and that's fine—but if a production promises to pay its cast/crew, they are expected to follow through.
 - Harassment, such as continuing to contact someone who has clearly declined a role.
 - Abuse of labor laws, such as over-working cast/crew, not providing breaks, keeping people way past wrap time, not providing adequate accommodations on set such as access to bathrooms, food and water; and especially over-working minors.
 - Recruiting people for productions which violate any laws, including dangerous work conditions or shooting in sensitive locations without permits.
 - Anyone who abuses the database can be reported directly to us, and they will be banned. Please contact centralvalleyfilm@gmail.com to report abuse.
- CAUTION: Even though the above rules are in place, it is of course always possible for banned individuals to retain the contact information of those they've found on the database in the past, or for those with access to share information with those who don't have access. Though we do our best, complete privacy and exclusivity cannot be guaranteed.

SAFETY TIPS FOR TALENT AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Safety tips for parents/guardians and minors under 18:
 - Parents/Guardians, do NOT let your child put their own personal phone number and email address as the contact info on their acting resume and professional online profiles. YOUR phone number should be the one recruiters use, and your email address; or consider creating a dedicated email address that you and your child share.
 - A legitimate casting director or producer will NEVER attempt to contact or recruit a minor without first consulting their parent/guardian.
 - A legitimate casting director or producer will NEVER try to recruit a minor for erotic, nude or pornographic work.
 - Parents/Guardians, always monitor all of the online casting sites your child is on, and know the passwords.
- It's okay to say no! Just because you're offered a role doesn't mean you have to take it. There are lots of opportunities out there, and no need to sign on for projects that make you uncomfortable.
- Erotic, nude or remotely pornographic work can hurt your career more than help it. Casting sites are so flooded with these types of projects, that for a young aspiring actor, it can sometimes feel like you have to take these kinds of roles to get anywhere. Not true. Most of these types of projects are not being done by reputable producers, and will ultimately not help you. Remember why you got into acting, and aim for the kinds of roles you really want—even if they seem few and far between. This database is here to help you find the kinds of tasteful roles you shine in.
- Casting websites to AVOID:
 - Model Mayhem: This site has many amateur photographers who lure young aspiring models in and pressure them to do nude or erotic work.
 - Craigslist: Full of scams and sexual predators.
- Legitimate casting websites:
 - Backstage Casting
 - Sacramento Casting (saccasting.com)
 - Actors Access
 - IMDB Pro
 - Stage 32: A social network for film/acting which can be useful, but it can be accessed by pretty much anyone, so still be weary.
 - There are many legitimate casting sites, but do your research! And even with the good ones, be sure to monitor your child's use of these if they're under 18.