# GOOGLE REVIEWS

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What do I do when I get a bad review?

## FIGHTING THE REVIEW

\* Is It Valid?

Contact Google

Reply to Comment

Google Forum Post

## IS IT VALID?

- Is this a legitimate complaint from a customer?
  - + If it is, then Google will most likely not remove the comment unless it violates TOS
  - + If not, there are a few steps to take, but most of the time the review will remain.

#### **CONTACT GOOGLE**

\* With any review you can "flag as inappropriate," this will alert Google, where they will review the comment. It will only be taken down if it violates the *Terms of Service*.



#### **CONTACT GOOGLE**

- × Fill out the form
  - + Describe in detail why the review is invalid and should be removed.
  - + Stay as unbiased as possible in your description
  - + REMEMBER it will only be removed if it violates Google's TOS

#### REPLY TO COMMENT

- As is the case with any issue that arises, do your best to solve the problem with the customer.
  - + Reply to the post from a business account. Try to resolve the issue. BE PROFESSIONAL AND POLITE!
  - + The customer can then take down their own comment.

#### **GOOGLE FORUM POST**

- \* The Google Local Businesses Forum is a great place to see what issues others are having.
  - + This forum is moderated by Google CSRs who have the ability to take down comments.
  - + Create a topic and describe your issue and one of Google's CSRs may be able to help you, or point you in the direction of someone that has had the same issue

## RESOURCES

- Google Places Support Forum
  - http://www.google.com/support/forum/p/Places/browse?hl=en
- × Google Places Guide
  - http://www.google.com/support/places/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=184271
- \* Matt Taylor, Texas Advertising <a href="matt@texasadvertising.net">matt@texasadvertising.net</a> or 877-518-1989