# **ADVERTISING** GUIDELINES

### Things to Know

### **ADVERTISING REVIEW POLICY**

All consumer advertising material mentioning Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) or any affiliate companies ("the Company") or referencing any of our products, services and/ or rates are considered advertising and must be submitted for advertising review and approval prior to use. This includes surety products referenced by name, description, rate or features.

NOTE: If you use multiple surety markets for an advertised product line, Merchants' name should not specifically be included and review may not be required.

### **APPROVAL PERIOD**

Due to the changing nature of regulations governing advertisements and sales materials, approval is valid for up to 12 months.



### DISCLAIMERS

If rates are included, the following disclaimer should be added:

\*Rates subject to change without notice.





Agencies should refer to themselves as "Producer" or "Agency." The surety is the "Bonding Company" or "Insurer."

#### **ADVERTISING SUBMISSION**

Please submit your requests for advertising review via email to Marketing at adapproval@merchantsbonding.com. Include a copy of the ad or link to the material along with the Advertising Request Form located on the back side of this flier.

#### Submit to adapproval@merchantsbonding.com



#### **USE OF COMPANY NAME**

If the advertisement includes the Company name(s) it must clearly identify the true, correct, and complete name of the actual insuring company and the company home office address.

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), Merchants National Bonding, Inc. and affiliated companies located at 6700 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266















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## ADVERTISING REQUEST FORM

Please complete the following request form and email to adapproval@merchantsbonding.com along with applicable materials for review.

| Conta   | ct Name  |   |                                 |
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| Agenc   | cy Name  |   |                                 |
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| Durati  | ion of ad  |   |                                 |
|         | I agree that I have read the Merch<br>will not be used in any capacity | ants Bonding Company Agency Advertising Guidelir<br>that violates those guidelines. | nes, and that the advertisement |
| Signed  | d  |   | Date                            |

| Internal Use Only                                  |   |   |              |                           |                      |
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| Marketing Review by:                               |   |   |              | Date:                     |                      |
| Compliance Review by:                              |   |   |              | Date:                     |                      |
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