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# **Starting Search Engine Optimization in 2025?**

Not all SEO strategies are created equal - some could be dragging your site down instead of lifting it!

Avoiding outdated or harmful SEO practices is essential for maintaining a strong online presence. Techniques like keyword stuffing, poor-quality content, duplicate content, cloaking, and ignoring slow page speed can hurt your site's rankings and user experience. By focusing on creating high-quality, original content and ensuring your website complies with search engine guidelines, you can build a trustworthy and effective SEO strategy. Read on to learn how to protect your site from penalties and help you stay competitive in an ever-evolving digital landscape.



## CO1. Keyword Stuffing

The goal of keyword stuffing is to use as many keywords as possible so that a web page can rank higher on Google.

Although this was once something that Google thought was



useful, it no longer creates valuable content. When keyword stuffing was rewarded, pages were unreadable, and user experience was no longer the top priority. Google has since made it clear that keyword stuffing will not be rewarded and instead will have a negative impact on rankings.





## O2. Poor Quality Content

Many believe that having more content, regardless of quality, will lead to higher page rankings on search engines. However, the opposite is true - quality content is far more important, even if it means having less of it on your site. While following SEO guidelines, it's easy to lose sight of the real purpose of your writing: serving your users. Overusing keywords or creating content solely for SEO purposes can ultimately harm your site's performance and credibility.



### **3. Duplicate Content**

Content that is copied and pasted from one page to another on your site is considered duplicate content. This can negatively impact your site, as Google may penalize it, and it can also confuse search engines. When search engines encounter repeated content, they struggle to determine which page to prioritize for a given guery, leading to disorganization and reduced visibility for your site.





### O4. Cloaking

Cloaking involves presenting different content to search engines than what users see on your site. This deceptive practice is often used to manipulate visibility and rankings, but Google is quick to detect and penalize it. To avoid this, ensure that all links on your site accurately lead to the intended and relevant information.





## O5. Slow Page Speed

Slow page speed can harm your SEO rankings by increasing bounce rates and frustrating users. Search engines prioritize fast-loading sites for better user



experience, and slow pages may limit crawlers from indexing your content effectively. Optimizing speed is crucial for maintaining rankings and engagement.



Although there is never a perfect formula for SEO, as it continues to adopt new practices it is always important to stay up to date on the new changes. Make sure to always be mindful of your users and create content that is user-friendly and beneficial to your readers. There are many different steps you can take to make sure your site is working properly, and your user engagement is positive. Most importantly, don't worry about how much content you have, or how many pages you have, just focus on the content and make sure that it is of value to a potential user. If you need help with SEO, contact us and we can provide our SEO services and assistance!

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