

WordPress - Delete Category

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Deleting a category in WordPress is a straightforward process. However, before you delete a category, it's important to note that deleting a category doesn't delete the posts within it. Instead, those posts become uncategorized. If you want to reassign the posts to a different category, you should do so before deleting the category. Here are the steps to delete a category:

1. Login to your WordPress Dashboard:

- Open your web browser and go to the login page of your WordPress site.
- Enter your username and password to log in.

2. Access the Categories Section:

- In the WordPress Dashboard, find and click on "Posts" in the left sidebar.
- From the expanded menu, click on "Categories."

3. Locate the Category to Delete:

- On the Categories page, you'll see a list of existing categories.
- Hover over the category you want to delete, and you'll see options like "Edit" and "Delete."

4. Delete the Category:

- Click on the "Delete" link below the category name.
- WordPress will ask for confirmation. It will also inform you that deleting a category does not delete the posts assigned to it but rather assigns them to the default category (usually "Uncategorized").

5. Confirm Deletion:

- Confirm that you want to delete the category.

6. Update Posts (Optional):

- If you want to reassign the posts to a different category, you can go to the "Posts" section, select the posts previously in the deleted category, and use the "Bulk Actions" dropdown to assign a new category.

7. Confirmation:

- Once the category is deleted, you should see a confirmation message.

Always be cautious when deleting categories, especially if your site has been live for a while, as changes to categories can impact the structure and navigation of your site. Consider whether reassigning posts to a different category or creating a new category would better suit your content organization.

The screenshot displays the WordPress 'Categories' management page. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Posts, All Posts, Add New Post, Categories, Tags, Media, Pages, Comments, Appearance, Plugins, Users, Tools, Settings, and Collapse menu. The main content area is titled 'Categories' and includes an 'Add New Category' form with fields for Name, Slug, Parent Category (set to 'None'), and Description. Below the form is a table listing existing categories. The 'Bulk actions' dropdown is set to 'Delete', and the 'Apply' button is visible. A confirmation modal is open at the top right, stating 'You are about to permanently delete these items from your site. This action cannot be undone. 'Cancel' to stop, 'OK' to delete.' The 'OK' button in the modal is highlighted with a red box. The table below shows the following data:

	Name	Description	Slug	Count
<input type="checkbox"/>	NODE JS	NODE JS	node-js	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHP	PHP	php	0
	Uncategorized	—	uncategorized	2

Below the table, there is a note: 'Deleting a category does not delete the posts in that category. Instead, posts that were only assigned to the deleted category are set to the default category Uncategorized. The default category cannot be deleted. Categories can be selectively converted to tags using the [category to tag converter](#).'

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