TOP TIPS FOR SOCIAL NETWORKING

Social media is great but there are risks, think about how different sites work before deciding to join. Stay safe with these tips and check out these websites for more info:


LIMIT
Keep your personal information to a minimum – your friends and family already know this stuff. In particular anything that can be used by someone else like: phone numbers, pictures of your home, workplace or school, your address, date of birth or full name.

LOCK
Don’t let people you don’t know have access to your profile. Use the highest privacy settings on the site to control who can see your photos and posts.

PROTECT
Always keep your password secret, don’t even share it with your friends. Make your password hard to guess – use a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols.

RESPECT
Always get permission before posting someone else’s content such as photos. Sharing content without permission is an invasion of privacy and breaches copyright laws. If a person asks you to remove a photo make sure you do.

CHECK
Check you are happy with everything on your profile and delete anything you don’t like. Block anyone who posts inappropriate or offensive content.

BEWARE
What goes online stays online – think twice about what you say and post (especially photos). Everything posted can be copied, saved, emailed, changed and uploaded to other sites.

REPORT
Report abuse, harassment, bullying or inappropriate content to the website and if necessary, your school or police. You could prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

BE RANDOM
Set up an email account that doesn’t use your real name for social networking sites. Using your full name in your email address may give online ‘friends’ and ‘contacts’ access to more information than you want.

KNOW
Choose your friends and be careful who you trust online. A person can pretend to be someone they are not. Don’t accept friend requests if you’re not sure about the person.

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