

MORE TIPS FOR YOUR KIDS & TEENS

- **It's still public.** Even if your profile is private you can't control what your friends do with the information you post. It's important to guard your privacy—don't post information or photos that you wouldn't want everyone to see.
- **Remember,** not everyone is who they claim to be. Although it's great to have online friends, including them on your 'friends' list allows people you don't know to learn all about you. This information could be used for a scam, to steal your identity or worse.
- **Keep your online friends online.** If you do want to meet someone that you haven't met so far in person, ask a parent or another trusted adult to go with you and always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.
- **Say no!** Free offers are usually too good to be true and can end up costing you a great deal.
- **Be considerate.** Only post comments you would be happy to receive yourself. Don't post photos of other people without their permission. Remember, when you post photos you might be impacting the privacy of your friends too.

- **Don't respond** if someone sends you unkind or bullying messages or asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Instead, tell your parents or another adult you can trust.



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SOCIALISE!

Social networking describes a variety of online services like Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and online games such as World of Warcraft and RuneScape. These services let children and teens communicate with other people online.

Social networking sites are a great way for your child or teen to stay in touch with their friends and family. They can post information about themselves and display photos, tell everyone what they've been up to, play games and basically just hang out.

However, sometimes it's easy for children to forget who they are communicating with online and who might see the information they post. It's easier to say and do things online that they might not do in 'real life'. As a result, it's important for children to stop and think about how their behaviour will affect others, as well as themselves.

There are other risks. Cyberbullying, people making inappropriate contact, identity theft, scams and possible exposure to adult content can make places like social networking sites risky. But if your child or teen plays it smart they can stay safe online.

TIPS FOR PARENTS



- **Stay involved** in your child's use of new technologies—ask them to show you how social networks work. Set up your own account, ask to join your child's 'friends' list and see for yourself what they're doing. It can be a fun experience for you too!
- **Check** the age guidelines of any site or game your child might want to engage in.
- **Help your child** set up their profile to make sure that they don't put too much personal information online. Help them to identify what is and isn't appropriate to post online.
- **Check** the privacy settings for each service and find out how to block other users and report abuse. Hopefully you will never need to do this, but it's good to be prepared.
- **Talk to your child** about who they should communicate with or make 'friends' with online.
- **Discuss** the amount of time your child can spend online and ensure they maintain a balance. Remind them of their other responsibilities and encourage outside activities, hobbies and face-to-face time with friends.

- **Keep the lines of communication open.** Children need to be confident that they can talk to you about what's happening.

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- **Think before you post.** Content posted online can be there forever. You can put it up, but you can't necessarily take it down.
- **Make sure** you don't put any key personal information on your profile. This includes your phone number, personal email address, home address or the name of your school. Be careful, when you post photos, that they don't include any of this information either.
- **Check** with your parents if you do decide to give out personal information or put it in your profile.
- **Use the privacy settings.** Learn how to make your profile private, so only people you accept as friends can see what you're posting.