

TIPS FOR SAFE SOCIAL NETWORKING

**You wouldn't put personal information on this poster
– so why post it online?**

Social Networking Dos & Don'ts

DO set your profile to 'Private' so only your friends can see it

DO think before you post... Do you want your parents, teachers, the police or even future employers to read this?

DO consider not posting photos of yourself. They can be altered and used in very upsetting ways.

DO be cautious about posting details that could be used to locate you: e.g. the name of your school, sports team or where you work.

DO check the site's safety policies. Find out how to report violations and get things removed.

DO show your parents your profile - even if you don't add them as friends!

DON'T post personal identifiers like your address, phone number, age or date of birth.

DON'T forget that once you post online, you can't take it back. Deleted posts and profiles don't always stay deleted.

DON'T assume that people are who they say they are. One in five Facebook profiles are fake.

DON'T arrange to meet new online friends in real life. If you do, meet in a public place and go with a friend. Tell your parents where you are going.

DON'T be a phishing victim. Never open files you didn't ask for or expect and if you see suspicious links or prompts asking you to log in again – don't click them.

DON'T join new social networks without checking their privacy policies – some sites share your information (like your email address) with companies who send you spam.



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