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CAUTION

1. Never post your personal information, such as your cell phone number, address, or the name of your school or school team.
2. Be aware that information you give out in blogs could also put you at risk of victimization. People looking to harm you could use the information you post to identify you or gain your trust. They can also deceive you by pretending they know you.
3. Never give out your password to anyone other than your parent or guardian.
4. Only add people as friends to your site if you know them in person.
5. Never meet in person with anyone you first "met" on a social networking site. Some people may not be who they say they are.
6. Think before posting your photos. Personal photos should not have revealing information, such as school names or locations. Look at the backgrounds of the pictures to make sure you are not giving out any identifying information without realizing it. The name of a mall, the license plate of your car, signs, or the name of your sports team on your jersey all contain information that can reveal your location. And never post sexually provocative photos of yourself or your friends.
7. Never respond to harassing or rude comments posted on your profile. Delete any unwanted messages or friends who continuously leave inappropriate comments. Report these comments to the networking site or Internet Service Provider if they violate that site's terms of service.
8. Check the privacy settings of the social networking sites that you use:
 - a. Set privacy so that people can only be added as your friend if you approve it.
 - b. Set privacy so that people can only view your profile if you have approved them as a friend.
9. Remember that posting information about your friends could put them at risk. Protect your friends by not posting any names, passwords, ages, phone numbers, school names, or locations. Refrain from making or posting plans and activities on your site.
10. Always remember what you post online is not private. Parents, teachers, coaches, employers, and admissions officers may go online and find out things about you – from your profile, or from someone else's. Some teens have lost jobs, admission offers, and scholarships because of information posted online.

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SHARING AND POSTING PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

Webcams, microphones, and digital cameras allow you to post videos, photos, and audio files online and engage in video conversations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Webcam sessions and photos can be easily captured, and users can continue to circulate those images online. In some cases people believed they were interacting with trusted friends but later found their images were distributed to others or posted on web sites.

You may come across offensive or inappropriate images and videos while surfing the web.

CAUTION

1. Use webcams or post photos online only with your parents' and guardians' knowledge and supervision.
2. Ask yourself if you would be embarrassed if your friends or family saw the pictures or video you post online. If the answer is yes, then you need to stop.
3. Be aware of what is in the camera's field of vision and remember to turn the camera off when it is not in use.
4. Be careful about posting identity-revealing or sexually provocative photos. Don't post photos of others — even your friends — without permission from your friends' parents or guardians. Remember - once such images are posted you give up control of them and you can never get them back.

WHAT TO REPORT

- Anyone you don't know who asks you for personal information, photos or videos.
- Unsolicited obscene material from people or companies you don't know.
- Misleading URLs on the Internet that point you to sites containing harmful materials rather than what you were looking for.
- Anyone who wants to send you photos or videos containing obscene content of individuals 18 and younger. (The possession, manufacturing, or distributing of child pornography is illegal.)
- Online enticement for offline sexual activities. (No one should be making sexual invitations to you online – and it's an especially serious crime for adults to do it.)

If any of the above happens to you or a friend, tell an adult you trust and report it to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's [CyberTipline](#).

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