

protecting your information

Keeping your information out of the wrong hands can be fairly easy. Here are some tips to make sure your private information stays private:

- Don't post private or personal information online! It's the easiest way to keep your information private. Avoid posting anything that isn't required, especially information that could be used in identity theft. Don't hesitate to ask friends to remove embarrassing or sensitive information about you from their pages.
- Restrict who has access to what you post online. Set your account so that only people you've chosen can see what you've posted by creating a private profile. Use this feature in conjunction with other privacy settings.
- Disable unused features and applications. Many of these websites come loaded with extra features and applications to enhance the experience. Your best bet is to disable everything and re-enable only the features you plan on using.
- Choose your friends carefully. Most sites do not verify a user's identity at registration, so always be cautious when dealing with unfamiliar people.



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you're a target

Don't forget that anyone online may be targeted by scammers and abusive users. Organized crime is increasingly targeting users of social networking sites by tricking you through the use of compromised accounts of friends.

Before posting anything online, ask yourself "would I be comfortable if this was posted on a billboard?" You cannot assume that what you post online will remain private. Always think about how someone might use the information you share.

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