

# Facebook Safety Information

## Facebook Guide

Did you know that 66% of 12-15 year olds have a social networking site? (Ofcom Research, 2009)  
And did you know that 41% of children and young people who use social networking sites have their profiles open to anyone? (Ofcom Research, 2009)

### **Before Something Goes Wrong:**

1. Don't share your password with anyone no matter how much you love them! Times may change. Passwords are like toothbrushes; you wouldn't share that with your best friend.
2. What you say is in front of far more people than would normally hear you in 3D. Don't say anything you wouldn't want the world to hear.
3. Keep it (and this means everything) private. And no, it isn't private to let just friends see those dodgy pics. That's just one step away via copy and paste from the whole online world seeing them. Have a look at [mashable.com/2010/02/19/facebook-update-privacy](http://mashable.com/2010/02/19/facebook-update-privacy) for advice or [www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/13/facebook-privacy-settings\\_n\\_575732.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/13/facebook-privacy-settings_n_575732.html) for video help.
4. Teachers: don't add students as friends. It's a shame but not a good idea unless your pages are exclusively for learning.
5. Advice for parents <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/facebook-for-parents>.
6. Check your settings: [www.profilewatch.org](http://www.profilewatch.org).
7. Care with images cannot be emphasised enough. Once they are out there, they are there for good. Think hard before you post even if your privacy settings are as good as possible. More people, even unexpected ones, can see and copy them quicker than you might think.
8. When you add a friend of a friend, remember that they might never have met either.
9. Read the privacy guide: [www.facebook.com/privacy/explanation.php](http://www.facebook.com/privacy/explanation.php).
10. Don't include your e-mail. If its compromised, it takes ages to change to a new one. Don't include your year of birth either because it makes identify theft one step easier.
11. If you see something about someone else, report it. If you just look, you're part of the problem.
12. If you only go to one of these sites, make it [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

### **When Things Go Wrong: (mostly related to cyberbullying and unwanted contact)**

1. Tell someone. This is key.
2. Keep copies of all the nasty stuff. Learn how to save hyperlinks and to take screenshots of pages. Many online offences are their own evidence.
3. At the bottom of the first column is a link to block that person. Use it.
4. Similarly there is the facility to report pages that can be found in the same place. Check Facebook's terms and conditions so you can be specific when you complain: [www.facebook.com/Spiller7#!/terms.php](http://www.facebook.com/Spiller7#!/terms.php).
5. Don't engage with the offender(s).
6. Learn how to report. If you're a young person, click the CEOP REPORT button.
7. Where to go if your account has been hacked: [www.facebook.com/help/search/?q=hacked+account](http://www.facebook.com/help/search/?q=hacked+account)
8. Specific advice from bullying.co.uk: [www.bullying.co.uk/advice/advice-if-you-are-being-bullied-facebook-0](http://www.bullying.co.uk/advice/advice-if-you-are-being-bullied-facebook-0)