

GET SET UP FOR SAFETY

Practicing Safer Online Habits

There are many social media platforms, communication apps and websites that we can use to connect with people online. It's a great way to keep in touch with friends and family or find communities that share our interests. To enjoy connecting safely, remember these key tips when using any social media or online communication platforms:



Secure your account

- Use strong passwords or passphrases and don't share these with others.
- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA).



Check your privacy settings

- Keep your profile private or lock it.
- Check the audience for each piece of content you share.



Choose your 'friends' carefully

- Only add people you know in real life, and check with them offline to make sure the request is really from them.
- Delete requests you're not sure about.

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Think twice about what you share

- Once online your content can be shared, downloaded or edited by others. This includes images, videos and comments. Ask yourself:
 - Does it share your personal information? (i.e. address, D.O.B.)
 - Is it sensitive content you don't want others to see?
 - Is the content real? Be aware to the possibility that it may be a scam or mis/disinformation; check your sources.



Remember you're in control!

- You decide what content and who you want to interact with.
- 'Like' it, share it with others, or simply scroll past.
- Accept, ignore, block messages and friend requests.
- Hide or delete harmful comments on your page and report or block account.

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