

Facebook Privacy

Facebook by default encourages people to share information about themselves, it is the primary purpose of the social networking site. This is fine as long as people realise what information is being shared and to whom.

In August 2011 Facebook changed their privacy settings for profiles, status updates, locations and tags.

- **Greater profile control:** Profile visibility controls now appear directly next to content when someone edits their profile. For example, if you only want your close friends to see which music you like, you can change it directly from the profile editing page.
- **In-line cues:** Facebook will display a globe, friend or gear icon to indicate whether a piece of content is public, only seen by friends or customized for a friend group or list.
- **"View Profile As":** The "View Profile As" feature has been moved from the Privacy Settings Page to the top right-hand corner of the user profile. This is designed to make it more accessible.

Overhaul of the Privacy Page

The privacy overhaul will result in a simpler Privacy Page, since most of the privacy settings are now integrated at the profile page level. The Privacy control is next to things you share, so it's clear who sees your information - like share your hometown with friends, but only let family see your phone number.

To change who can see information on a profile click the 'Edit Profile' button at the top right corner of your profile. Next to each profile field, use the audience selector to pick an audience for that piece of information. To change the audience for a piece of info, open the dropdown menu next to it and choose from Public, Friends or Custom. If you choose Custom, you can name specific friends to include or exclude from the people who see your info.

Two other important features are the ability to:

- Go back and change the audience for something after you post it.
- Tag reviews. You can approve or reject photo, status or location tags before they appear on your profile. To turn on the option go to Account > Privacy Settings > Manage How Tags Work > Change Settings > click to edit your Tag Review setting > Turn on Tag Review.

Facebook on mobiles

Be aware that where friends share their mobile number on Facebook with you this information appears in your contacts both on Facebook (accounts>edit friends>contacts) and on your mobile. Likewise it also includes contacts you import from your phone. Check your mobile setting as this may happen by default.

Internet Safety - Facebook

Although the internet is a fantastic resource and a big part of our everyday lives there are some downsides to be aware of to stay safe. The dangers are real so it's very important to understand the risks and take them on board. Then you can be sure whenever you use your computer, mobile phone or any other online gizmo or gadget, you are doing so responsibly and safely.

Facebook - what is it?

Facebook is a social networking website with more than 500 million active users and anyone who declares themselves to be aged thirteen or above can join. Members can create profiles of themselves, upload photos and albums, list interests, contact details and other personal information. They can also invite people to be friends, communicate through private or public messages or a chat feature and create and join interest groups (e.g. music) and networks (e.g. school, college or church).

FACT

Use Facebook's privacy settings to ensure personal details are kept private, particularly photos that once uploaded may be viewed by anyone, shared and difficult to remove and know how to report any concerns whilst online e.g. 'Click CEOP Internet Safety' button.

Concerns about Facebook include cyber-bullying, distribution of illegal content, invasion of privacy, identity theft, a child seeing offensive images and messages and the presence of strangers who may be online in order to 'groom', and ultimately abuse, children.

If you have any concerns, tell a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher or friend. You can also phone the CCPAS helpline: 0845 120 45 50 or Childline: 0800 1111

Booklet 'Help, I want my child to stay safe on the net' is available at <http://www.ccpas.co.uk/Documents/Help - internet.pdf>

MOREINFO.

www.childnet-int.org/blogsafety/index.html, www.digizen.org and www.chatdanger.com are brilliant websites with loads of information on social networking.

www.thinkuknow and www.kidsmart.org.uk are great sites to browse and pick up all sorts of tips for staying safe when you're using the internet, social networking sites and playing games online. They also explain the dangers and what to do if something bad happens that upsets you.

Always follow the 'Click Clever Click Safe' Code:

<http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk>

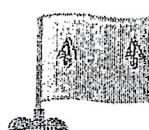
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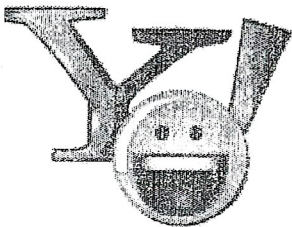
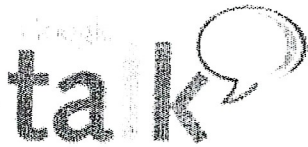
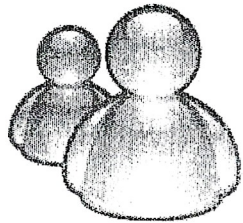
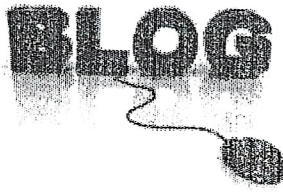


BLOCK IT



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Technology, and the way in which we communicate is constantly changing, and words like retweet and sexting have just been added to the Oxford Dictionary. Below is a snapshot of the most common types of technologies in use.

Instant messaging

Instant messaging (IM) is a form of real-time text-based communication conveyed over a network, such as the internet, between two or more people who are on a user's contact list. Examples include Windows Live Messenger, Jabber, ICQ and AIM. IM technologies often include additional features which makes them even more popular. They include sharing files and communicating in real time through a webcam.

Buddy lists

A buddy list is a list of a user's contacts with whom they communicate through instant messaging. On such lists users can check if their contacts are online, offline, online but busy etc. Users can block contacts that they no longer wish to talk to.

Chat rooms

A chat room is an online forum where people can chat online (talk by broadcasting messages to people on the same forum in real time). Sometimes these venues are moderated whereby someone will watch for disruptive or otherwise undesirable behaviour.

There are three main types of chat room:

1. Internet Relay Chat (IRC) – the oldest and still popular form of text-based chat room. Its main purpose is real time group communication in discussion forums or channels, although it does also allow one-to-one communication via private messages.
2. 2D Visual Chat Rooms, e.g. The Palace or The Manor. They offer a virtual world or graphic background that a user's avatar can navigate. Some visual chat rooms also incorporate audio and video communications, so that users can see and hear each other.
3. 3D Visual Chat Rooms, e.g. Habbo Hotel. They are very similar to the 2D variety except that they utilise 3D graphics, allowing users more realistic interaction with the environment. The most popular environments also allow users to create or build their own spaces.

Avatars

An avatar is a graphical representation of a user. It can be a 3D model of the user e.g. in computer games or a 2D icon e.g. on internet forums, chat rooms and instant messenger.

Blogs

A blog (short for "web log") is an online journal made up of words, photos, videos and music. They can either be private (ie only people you choose to invite can read it) or public (ie anyone online can see it). There are millions of blogs on the Web.

Twitter

Micro-blogging – where you publish brief status updates online – has become very popular. One of the best-known micro-blogging sites, Twitter, asks one question "What are you doing?" and answers must be fewer than 140 characters in length.

You can choose who sees these status updates, which are known as "tweets", and decide whose tweets you'd like to follow. If you choose to follow someone on Twitter, you'll get their updates on your Twitter homepage when you log on.

As of September 2010, Twitter had 175 million registered users and around 95 million tweets were being posted each day. As internet access is now available on many mobiles and other portable devices, it has become even easier to blog or tweet while you're on the move.