

Social Media Safety Tips



1. Never use the same password. This is a common mistake. Do not use your pet, address, child's name, phone number, etc as a password especially if they are mentioned anywhere on your social media page. Be creative as well. Don't use "1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8" because it is the most common password.
2. Limit usage of social networking sites to personal use only. Do not write about work issues. Always assume everyone in the world will be able to see what you're writing even if the site limits your post to your friends exclusively. Businesses may be able to use that to terminate your employment or prevent you from being hired.
3. Try to avoid mentioning where you work, where you live, or where you currently are; so that if you mention something you thought innocent (but that might be valuable information for criminals) they will not know who to target. Definitely don't mention you are enjoying your vacation away from home because you don't want to advertise to criminals looking for a house to break into!
4. Do not log on to your social network page from public computers such as internet cafés where someone might have installed a key logger and would later get access to your credentials. Always make sure you have a good anti-virus, secured internet and your computer is up to date.



Additional Social Media & Networking Resources:

- [Federal Trade Commission: Social Networking Sites: Safety Tips for Tweens and Teens](#)
- [Connect Safely: Smart Socializing Starts Here](#)
- [Safety Web Online](#)
- [Microsoft Safety & Security Center](#)

Remember-once it's posted, there's no getting it back. Even if you think you erased it, it can still be found.