

Safety on MySpace

MySpace makes it easy to express yourself, connect with friends and make new friends, but do remember that what you post publicly could embarrass you or expose you to danger. Some common sense guidelines to follow when using MySpace are:

- **Don't forget that your profile and MySpace forums are public spaces.** Don't post anything you wouldn't want the world to know (ex: your phone number, address, specific whereabouts). Avoid posting anything that would make it easy for a stranger to find you, such as where you hang out every day after work or classes.
- **People aren't always who they say they are. Be careful about adding strangers to your friends list.** It's fun to connect with new MySpace friends from all over the world, but avoid meeting people in person who you do not fully know. If you must meet someone, do it in a public place and bring a trusted friend with you.
- **Harassment, hate speech, and inappropriate content should be reported.** If you feel someone's behavior is inappropriate, react. Talk with a trusted person, or report it to MySpace or the authorities.
- **Don't post anything that would embarrass you later.** Think twice before posting a photo or information you wouldn't want your boss or professor to see!
- **Don't mislead people into thinking that you are older or younger.** If you lie about your age, MySpace will delete your profile.

A word to the wise: Be safe on MySpace!

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<http://www1.myspace.com/misc/safetyTips.html>