

What we know?

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- Some apps, even map and weather require your location to function properly and if you do not change your setting, your location can then be shared within other apps.
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There are people who focus on your problems who may then convince you to share.



What do you know about creating a safety net while online?

Social Media sites are growing in popularity and knowing your boundaries can keep you safe.

Are you creating a digital footprint while using apps and social media sites?

What kind of apps require your location to function properly.

Some social media sites have guidelines. What are some you should be familiar with?



Awareness and Protection

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Adult users also use these sites and then lure young teens to isolation sites where they may not have friends and then access their information.



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THE SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC CONNECTION

- **Things you need to know:**
- **Sometimes when you are in your teen years you may do things that land you in trouble. Your parents may forgive you but inappropriate behaviors online carry a significantly different weight when others consider your character.**
- **When posting inappropriate pictures, sharing inappropriate messages and online harassment and or bullying, people will question your integrity, especially when applying to college or employment.**
- **Understand who can see it. You may be challenged when you least expect it.**

NEXT STEP FOR PARENTS

- Teach your children how to use technology responsibly.
- Monitor the APPS (hidden apps are very popular among teens).
- Look for apps that help you monitor your child online.
- Restrict kids' access to apps by age rating.
- Teens will always find a new platform that parents don't know about yet, so go over guidelines and general rules to keep them safe and smart online.
- Keeping the communication open will help your child feel safe if someone makes them uncomfortable.

MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A STUDENT

- **Consider the consequences of your actions **ONLINE**.**
- **If you cannot share what your posting with your family, Don't share!**
- **If you think what your sharing is inappropriate, then **Don't Share!****
- **If someone shares something inappropriate with you, **Don't Share**. You are as responsible as the person who shared it if it comes to the attention of law enforcement.**
- **If you want that dream job you think about later in life, remember responsible social media etiquette will be extremely important **NOW**.**
- **Trust what your parents are telling you, and communicate your concerns.**





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