

Using Social Media Safely and legally



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What sites are you using?

Facebook



Xbox



Twitter



Messenger



Instagram



PS4



Snapchat



Minecraft



Whatsapp



YouTube



Tik Tok



What information are you giving away?



Profile

- Name
- Age (over 13?)
- Appearance
- Family members
- Location
- Likes and dislikes
- Secrets
- School



All of this information can be seen by others including strangers if your settings are not Private.

Cookies and privacy - what information are you giving away?



Cookies:

- Allow the website to remember your device and store some information about you and what you do.
- Information can be shared with other sites.
- You can change the information cookies save
- If you just click X it will assume you agree.



"When will people understand that verbal abuse is just as serious as physical abuse? How many precious lives will it take to put an end to the hurt caused by cyber abuse?"

"I think that some people use bullying as a way to fit in, and I've noticed it's not just the "cool" kids doing it anymore.

"Sitting behind a computer gives people a sense of anonymity, but everyone needs to realise that words—even the ones they write online—have a strong power to hurt people" - Demi Lovato

Cyber bullying

- ❖ Social media, texting, instant messaging
- ❖ Sharing private pictures/videos, making fake ones.
- ❖ Setting up hate sites or false accounts
- ❖ 'Griefing' – deliberately sabotaging someone's game.
- ❖ Communications are recorded permanently online, and could affect both the victim and the perpetrator's reputation for years to come.

Activity



How does bullying make people feel?



Is Cyberbullying against the law?

- ▶ **Harassment** is against the law – ‘A course of action that causes the person to feel harassed, alarmed or distressed’. This would include cyberbullying.
- ▶ If it is done because of someone’s disability, gender–identity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation it could be called a ‘**HATE CRIME**,’ which is very serious.
- ▶ **Harassment** is included in the Government’s list of possible hate crimes.

What to do

Activity



Imagine a friend tells you they are being bullied online

What advice would you give them?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rad6tExrePA>

How's your Online Reputation?

- **Search yourself online** - try searching your Instagram or Snapchat name and looking in 'images'



- **Check privacy settings** - are you happy to be seen by non friends when you have been tagged or to be contacted by strangers?



- **Think before you post** - This could be around for a long time.....
- **Deactivate and delete** - Don't leave old accounts open.

- **Leave a positive (digital) footprint!**

