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Social Networks - Do’s and Don’ts

- Only establish and maintain connections with people you know and trust. Review your connections often.
- Assume that ANYONE can see any information about your activities, personal life, or professional life that you post and share.
- Ensure that your family takes similar precautions with their accounts; their privacy and sharing settings can expose your personal data.
- Avoid posting or tagging images of you or your family that clearly show your face. Select pictures taken at a distance, at an angle, or otherwise concealed. **Never post Smartphone photos and don’t** use your face as a profile photo, instead, use cartoons or avatars.
- Use secure browser settings when possible and monitor your browsing history to ensure that you recognize all access points.

Managing Your Google+ Profile

Google+ provides privacy and sharing options using **Circles**. Circles are groups that users create for different types of connections, such as family, friends, or colleagues. Content can be shared only with circles you select. As of 2012, Google+ now allows pseudonyms.

Account Settings & Minimizing Your Activities

Apply the Account settings shown with arrows below to ensure that your information is shared in a limited fashion.

Deleting Your Google+ Profile or Google Account

- **Delete Google+ Content** removes Google+ related information such as circles, +1’s, posts, and comments
- **Delete your entire Google profile** removes all user data from Google services, including your Gmail
- **Disable web history** to prevent accumulation of your digital footprint
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Profile Settings

Apply and save the Profile settings shown below to ensure that your information is visible to only people of your choosing.

To share information on this page with specific people, select Custom then choose appropriate Circles or type in individual names.

In your circles:
- Show people in All circles: Uncheck
- Show people in Your circles

Who can see this?
- Public
- @ Your circles

Change to
Your Circles

Have you in circles:
- Show people who have added you to circles:
  - Save
  - Cancel
  - Uncheck

Other profiles:
- Add custom link
- Manage connected accounts
- Google has found some public pages that you can add to your profile. Learn more

Profile discovery:
- Help others discover my profile in search results
  - Uncheck

Useful Links

A Parent’s Guide to Internet Safety
www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide

Wired Kids
www.wiredkids.org/

Microsoft Safety & Security
www.microsoft.com/security/online-privacy/social-networking.aspx

OnGuard Online
www.onguardonline.gov/topics/social-networking-sites.aspx

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