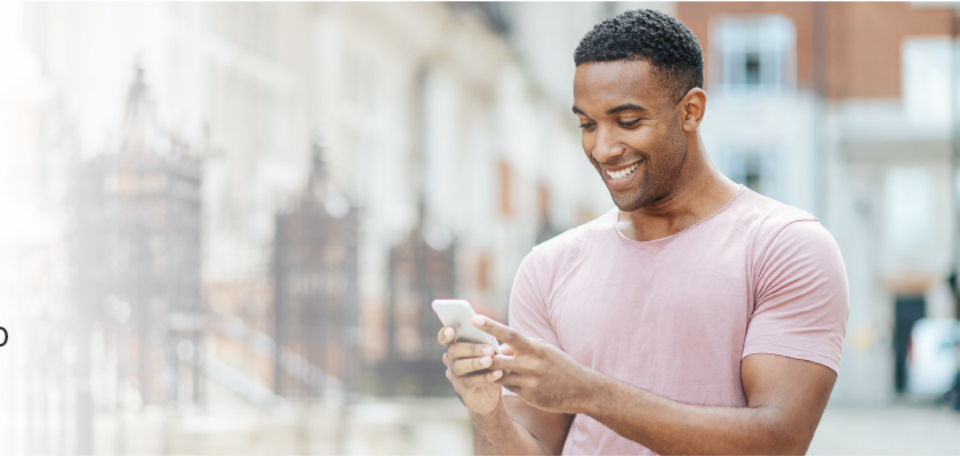


# Simple Tips for Mobile Safety

Check out these easy tips to help protect your mobile devices.



Through your social media account, you are sharing information about yourself with followers and potentially anyone in the public. Check out these tips and resources to help you safely navigate the social media world.

## Beware what you post online

Sensitive data is any information that can help a person steal your identity or locate you. Be cautious when sharing your full name, SSN, address, birthdate, phone number, descriptions of your first car, where you were born or even your pet's name. Additionally, your mother's maiden name can often be easily found on social media. These are all frequent answers to "forgot your password" questions.

Posting questionable content, such as pictures, videos or opinions that may seem unprofessional can be an easy mistake to make. But they can also be damaging to your reputation. Even if you delete a post or a picture only seconds after posting it, chances are someone saw it. Remember, future and current employers may look at your social media accounts.

Many social media platforms allow you to "check in" and broadcast your location, or they automatically add your location to photos and posts. This can be fun for your friends and family, but you could also be telling a stalker where to find you or letting a thief know you are not home.

## Additional resources:

### FOR KIDS:

[NetSmartzKids.org](https://www.net-smartz.com/)

[iKeepSafe.org](https://www.ikeepsafe.org/)

[NSTeens.org](https://www.nsteens.org/)

### FOR PARENTS:

[OnguardOnline.gov](https://www.onguardonline.gov/)

[ConnectSafely.org](https://www.connectsafely.org/)

## Think before you post: Quick tips



**Don't broadcast your location.** Consider disabling geo-tagging in your phone by turning off location services for the camera and other apps.



**Only connect with people you know and trust.** Allowing "friends of friends" to view your information can allow hundreds or thousands of people to view a post meant only for a few friends.



**Know what NOT to share.** Some things should be kept off social networks. Listing your date of birth or address with your full name gives potential identity thieves pertinent information.



**Check your privacy settings.** Make sure you limit who can see what content and adjust location settings. Be sure to monitor your kids' or elderly family members' privacy settings too.