

## Online video + photo sharing: did you know?



Video and picture sharing websites and software are social environments that allow users to easily distribute their pictures and clips. While some services have a cost, most are free. Examples of video sharing sites are YouTube, Flickr, Myspace and GoFish.

### Before posting your video/photo on the Internet, remember the following:

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#### You can't get it back!

Posting a video or photo once makes it permanent. While you can delete the file from the original site, you have lost control of any copies that have been forwarded, downloaded or reposted. Even if the content has been taken down, archives are available on sites dedicated to retrieving old information.

If you are okay with it being on the Internet forever, post it. Otherwise, think twice—it will save you possible embarrassment and humiliation.

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#### Look closely at what you are sharing!

Videos and photos tell a story through the scenery, the people, the clothing worn, and the sound captured. Look at each of these elements and ask yourself "what personal information am I sharing?"

Visual clues like where you live, your school, license plate numbers, team jerseys, etc., should not be shared online. Any one of these could be used by someone to try and contact you.

#### Before uploading, ask yourself:

Will the video/photo embarrass or humiliate me later?

Yes  No

Could the video/photo come back to haunt me and prevent me from some future opportunity?

Yes  No

Is the video/photo against the law (i.e. naked pictures)?

Yes  No

Answering **Yes** to any one of these questions should tell you to **stop the upload**.

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#### Your future matters!

Whether part-time or full-time, almost everyone has (or will have) a job. What you post online today will be available on the Internet years from now. Employers commonly use search engines to find current and past information about a candidate prior to hiring. While it may not matter now, take a second and consider what it might mean to you in the future!

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#### Respect others!

If you're going to share videos or photos of others, get permission before posting. Ask yourself how you would feel if someone put information on the Internet (especially something suggestive or embarrassing) without your permission. Treat others with respect.

#### Share... with limits!

If you decide to post your video clip(s) or photo(s) on the Internet, choose a site that offers a password and other security features. Limiting the viewing to "friends/family only" will further protect you from having your information quickly travel all over the Internet. It's NEVER a good idea to share personal content with EVERYONE!

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**Respect Yourself** and have fun!