

Online Safety



Minimum Age for Social Media

- * All major social media platforms require users to be at least 13 years old. Can you name any?
- * Why?
- * Helps protect children from inappropriate content.
- * Prevents unsafe contact with older users, including strangers.
- * **Gambling and money risks** – Gambling sites and some online games involve money or prizes. Children might not understand how easy it is to lose money or get tricked. Can become addictive.
- * **Legal rules** – Most social media platforms are set at 13+ because of laws that protect children's data (like the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act).



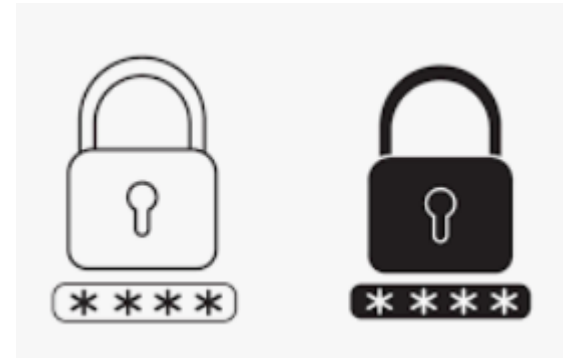
Sharing Information Online



- * Be cautious about personal information (full name, address, phone number, school).
- * Check privacy settings to control who can see your information.
- * Use location settings carefully and only with trusted contacts.

Importance of Privacy & Location Settings

- * Privacy settings keep online profiles secure.
- * Location settings reveal where you are; use them carefully.
- * Discuss with a parent/guardian if unsure.



Inappropriate Content Online

- * Internet contains content that is not suitable for children.
- * Some content can be upsetting or inappropriate.
- * If worried, talk to a trusted adult or use child-friendly reporting tools.



Seeking Help & Support

- * Talk to parents, teachers, or a trusted adult.
- * Visit websites like Childline or CEOP for guidance.
(Discuss others are available)
- * Don't keep worries to yourself; asking for help is important.



Summary

- * Social media minimum age is 13.
- * Be careful sharing personal information.
- * Use privacy and location settings to stay safe.
- * Internet can have inappropriate content; seek help if needed.
- * Stay aware, stay safe, ask for guidance.



Questions & Discussion

- * What information should you never share online?
- * Why is the minimum age for social media important?
- * Who can you talk to if you see something upsetting online?

