



USING SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBLY

Social media can help you to interact with others, share ideas and resources, and learn new things. It can also connect you with employers and schools. Here are some tips to help you stay safe, positive, and responsible online:

FOOTPRINT



When you use the internet, everything you do becomes your **digital footprint**. Your digital footprint can be **searched, shared,** and **seen** by a very large invisible audience. Who can see your digital footprint?

- Friends and family
- Employers and future employers
- Schools and colleges
- Many other people!

THINK



When creating a post or commenting on someone else's post, remember to **THINK** about these questions:

- T- is it **T**ruthful?
- H- does it **H**elp?
- I- is it **I**nspiring?
- N- is it **N**ecessary?
- K- is it **K**ind?

PRIVACY



Everything we post on social media will **always** be available publicly! Even if we delete something or post something as "private," there will **always** be a digital record of it. Nothing is 100% private online.

The internet moves quickly!

Once we've posted or commented, even if we delete right away, it's too late! There's already a **permanent** digital copy.

PURPOSE



Choose 2-3 things that you want to be known for online. Examples might be: volunteering, sports, art or other hobbies and talents. **Connect** with groups who share the same interests.

Remember:

Not everyone on social media is who they say they are. Be cautious and **only** accept friend requests from people you know.