



BROWSING HISTORY

Delete browsing history and cookies on your web browser's settings. Phone-hacking is becoming more common. Don't let thieves steal your personal information.

AUTOMATIC LOGINS

Don't do it. Sure, it may take a few more seconds to login, and yes, you may consider it a hassle. But auto logins make it easy for hackers, thieves, foes or stalkers to wreak havoc on your private life. And if you do decide to have auto logins, the least you should do is password protect your phone.

BE SELECTIVE

Social media sites make it easy for others to create fake profiles and pretend to be someone else. Make sure you only accept friends you know in the "real world." Not friends of friends you've never met. Or the really attractive person who just added you. Always ask, "do I know this person?"



Every year, more than 6 million people are stalked or harassed in the United States. Women are nearly three times more likely to be stalked than men. Today's digital world makes it easier to become a victim, which is why it's vitally important to prioritize social media privacy. This brochure helps you with the basics. Remember, not every part of your private life needs to be public.

Sincerely,

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PROTECTING **PRIVACY ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

You're going on a week-long cruise to the Bahamas! You're so excited, you must post about it.

"Guess who won't be home next week??? Me! Can't wait for the open waters. #cruising"

Guess who knows your home will be empty for a week? Everyone. Literally, millions of people.

Keep your personal information, schedules and travel plans to yourself or among a trusted group of people. You never know who's watching.

TIP: Don't post about your trips until it has concluded and you're back home.



LOCATION SERVICES

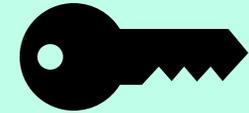
You're so mad! Your car is broken down, and you're waiting on AAA. You post about the situation on Facebook and include your location.

Thanks to your public post, your family, friends...even a potential stalker know where you are.

Many sites now also automatically attach your location to the pictures you upload.

Think long and hard about posting "live on location." Adding a location can put you at serious risk.

TIP: Turn off location services. You can always add it to your post AFTER you have left the scene.



PRIVACY SETTINGS

It can be hard to figure out all of the privacy settings for every social media app, but it's important for you and your child to know the basic guidelines.

On Twitter, make sure to "Protect My Tweets" in the settings and privacy function.

Don't let people snoop on your Instagram photos. From your phone, turn on "Private Account" by going into settings. Hint: Look for the gear icon.

Don't let the entire world see your Snapchat stories. Under settings, scroll down to "Manage Who Can Contact Me." Select "My Friends."

Visit WeldDA.com for more on privatizing your accounts.