

A few simple precautions protect your identity and account security.

SOCIAL NETWORKING TIPS

1 Change the default privacy settings. Many social networking sites use “public” as the default privacy setting. Make your privacy setting as restrictive as possible, allowing only your friends or people you know to view your information.

2 Beware of third party applications and widgets. Anyone can create an application or widget and post it to social networking sites. Often no one is monitoring these applications, so they may put your account at risk.

3 Limit your personal data. Protect your identity and only post information that you consider public—you never know who might be reading it.

4 Accept friend requests and connections only from people you know. If you don’t know someone, don’t add them as a friend. Depending on your permissions, you could display personal information to people you don’t really know.

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