

Personal information can be used to identify you, your location or your financial assets.

Obvious: your name, age, sex, picture, phone number, address/location

Less obvious: hobbies, interests, school mascot, online group memberships

Too much personal information puts users at risk, can lead to physical harm or identity theft .
The information can also be used for scamming, spamming and phishing.

Educators

[MySpace: How Much Information is too much information?](#)

The folks at Dateline created this mock MYSFACE page to illustrate how information can be too much information. Roll your mouse over each part of the profile, to see why the information is potentially dangerous. This model could be used to open a great dialogue with students about cybersafety and online privacy issues.

* [Cybersmart.org](#) Original, nonsequential standards-based lesson plans and student activity sheets that adopt an integrated approach using best practices from the fields of cyber security and character education to impact behavioral change. (Gr K-12)

[Youth Privacy: My Privacy, My Choice, My Life](#)

This web site from Canada is a great resource to help teach kids how to keep their privacy, a huge part of digital citizenship.

[In Your I \[Privacy Online\]](#)

Video clip scenarios, lesson plans and handouts to teach students about privacy online. Privacy is tied up in our sense of identity and how we interact with other people. But when we talk online, what we say can be taken out of context. And that has consequences.

[OnGuard Online \[Flash-Based Quizzes \]](#)

Provides practical tips from the federal government and the technology industry on topics such as identity theft, spyware. phishing, spam and ecommerce/ shopping online. Their colorful

flash-based quiz section would be great for student use.

[* Netsmartz: Broken Friendship](#)

This video available in English and Spanish is a great resource to illustrate the importance of keeping your passwords private and how sharing passwords can put you at risk for online bullying. Activity Cards for Grades 5-12.

[*Think Before You Post](#)

This public service announcement from the Cyber Tipline powerfully depicts the consequences of posting pictures on virtual public bulletin board spaces.

[Passwords Are Like Underwear](#)

A good password is key to network security. The University of Michigan developed this password security educational program consisting of five colorful, eye-catching posters with catchy phrases, "Passwords are like underwear...change them often."

[FTC Tools for Teachers](#)

Thirteen downloadable files from the Federal Trade Commission on protecting student privacy online.

Parents

[10 Ways to protect your kids against identity theft](#)

Great tips from Internet safety expert, Vanessa Van Patten

[House Pledges](#)

Use these Internet Safety Pledges from Netsmartz to promote safety discussions and create safer boundaries for computer use at home.

[FTC Tips for Parents](#)

Learn about web site privacy policies and whether to consent about allowing collection of personal information.

[*Protect Your Privacy, Your Family and Your PC .](#)

Online flash video tutorial for parents developed by GetNetWise.org for OnGuardOnline.gov.

[How to Make Social Networks More Private](#)

Learn how to set privacy controls for MySpace and Facebook

Students

[*Netsmartz: "The Boy Who Loved IM"](#)

A rap music video teaching kids to be cautious about giving out personal information. (grades K-6). [Activity cards](#) are available for each grade K-6.

[Identity Theft: Stolen Futures](#) [Video]

Identity theft can affect everyone, including teenagers. It is important for you to know what information is needed to steal your identity and the best ways of protecting your information.

[Just for Kids: Kidz Privacy](#)

A site from the Federal Trade Commission designed to teach kids about being in charge of their personal identifying information. (grades 5-8)

[*Netsmartz Real Life Stories: Tracking Teresa](#)

This video shows how easy it can be to track a student online and discover their personal information. Posted with activity cards: <http://www.netsmartz.org/resources/reallife.htm> (grades 7-12)

[Teenage Safety on the Information Highway](#)

A guide for teens by Larry Magid, Web Editor of SafeTeens.com

[Privacy Playground: The First Adventure of the Three CyberPigs](#)

In this game, designed for ages 8-10, the CyberPigs play on their favourite Web site and encounter marketing ploys, spam and a close encounter with a not-too-friendly wolf. The purpose of the game is to teach kids how to spot online marketing strategies, protect their personal information and avoid online predators. The Teacher's Guide explains how to play the game, gives background information on the issues of online marketing, spam and children's

privacy and provides activities and handouts for classroom use.

[Video Tutorial: Using Facebook Privacy Settings](#)

Larry Magid of ConnectSafely.org walks users through an explanation of the privacy settings available on Facebook.

* Indicates this resource was shown in CTAP IV Cybersafety PowerPoint.