



Social Media Behaviors & Cyber Bullying

So much of our lives are on the internet. It is important for us to be responsible. We can do this by having good social media behaviors. To start, think about who your audience is. Then, think about who you are representing.

Social Tip

What you share on the web has to be right for you and your audience.

Think before you share. What do you want to share? What do you not want to share? How does what you're sharing affect yourself or others? Is it positive? Is it negative? These are just some of the questions you should be asking yourself.

There is no privacy for your information on the web. If it's on the internet, it can be found. The best way to protect yourself is by changing your privacy settings. But remember, anything and anyone can be hacked. This means someone can break into your account and see all your private things.



Remember: once the information is shared, it's out there forever.

A music store is looking to hire a new salesperson. It is down to 2 people. To help decide, the employer looks at the social media pages of both candidates. Dylan's page shows he likes music. He posts things on bands he likes. He shares things from bands that he follows. He also runs a fan page for a local band. Cristoph's page shows he likes music, drugs and alcohol. He posts pictures of himself getting too drunk at concerts. He shares bad things from 'friends'. He also runs a fan page for a local dance club.

Who gets hired for the job and why?

Dylan _____

Cristoph _____





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There are lots of bad things on the internet. One that is a big problem is cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is the same as regular bullying. Only it is done over the internet.



Cyber Bullying is:

- sending mean messages or pictures
- posting something about someone without their okay
- pretending to be someone else
- leaving someone out on purpose

How can you spot cyber bullying? If someone is being attacked in different ways. Changed pictures. Hurtful emails. Rumors that are not true. These are all signs of cyber bullying. Anything that is hurtful to another person on purpose.

Social Tip

Always respect others. This can help stop cyber bullying before it happens.

How does cyber bullying happen? Emails and instant messaging (IM). Social media sites and blogs. Chat rooms and discussion boards.

How can you stop cyber bullying? When you see it, report it. Let someone know what is happening. Know that what's happening isn't okay. Don't cheer on cyber bullying. Don't give cyber bullies attention.

Which are examples of cyber bullying? Why or why not?

- 1. Ellie is chatting on a discussion board. She teases the members for liking a TV show. She continues to make fun of those that ask her nicely to leave the group.
- 2. Grace is looking through some photos she took. She sees an embarrassing photo of someone she knows from class. She decides to delete it. Instead, she posts some nice photos of her and her close friends.
- 3. Lee is chatting on a discussion board. One of the members is sending out hurtful messages. Lee flags this person and reports them.
- 4. Alexander is organizing a softball game. He makes a page on a social media site. He invites everyone he knows. He leaves out a few people he doesn't like on purpose.