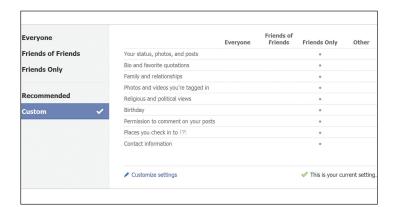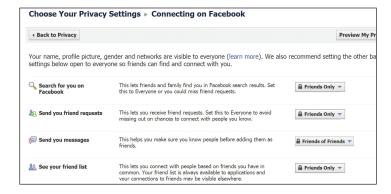# How to Protect Your Child on Facebook

With more than 500 million active users, Facebook is today's most popular social network. If you allow your child to use Facebook, it's imperative that you adjust the privacy settings to the levels you as a parent find appropriate and safe. Get started by logging in to your child's Facebook account, going to Account | Privacy Settings and following these sample guidelines:

Customize profile settings
to make personal information available to "Friends Only" or "Friends of Friends," not just any user. Even with these settings, any and all information can be used to manipulate or exploit your child, so make sure your child doesn't post anything too detailed or revealing.

Contain communication options
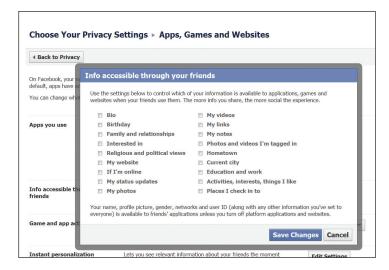to "Friends Only" or "Friends of Friends" to prevent unknown users from reaching out to your child.

Disable Friend Tags in Facebook Places
so Friends cannot broadcast your child's whereabouts.

Choose Your Privacy Settings ▸ Public Search

◂ Back to Apps

Public search

Public search controls whether people who enter your name in a search engine will see a preview of your Facebook profile. Because some search engines cache information, some of your profile information may be available for a period of time after you turn public search off. See preview
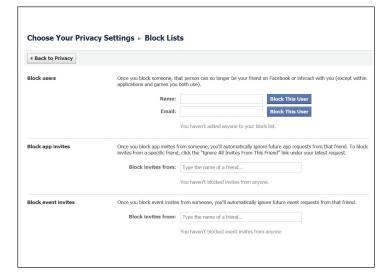
☐ Enable public search

Turn off Public Search
by making sure the "Enable public search" button is not checked to prevent a preview of your child's Facebook profile from appearing in search engine results when his name is entered.

Choose Your Privacy Settings ▸ Apps, Games and Websites

◂ Back to Privacy

On Facebook, your ⋯
default, apps have ⋯

You can change what ⋯

Apps you use

Info accessible through your friends

Use the settings below to control which of your information is available to applications, games and websites when your friends use them. The more info you share, the more social the experience.

☐ Bio
☐ Birthday
☐ Family and relationships
☐ Interested in
☐ Religious and political views
☐ My website
☐ If I'm online
☐ My status updates
☐ My photos

☐ My videos
☐ My links
☐ My notes
☐ Photos and videos I'm tagged in
☐ Hometown
☐ Current city
☐ Education and work
☐ Activities, interests, things I like
☐ Places I check in to

Your name, profile picture, gender, networks and user ID (along with any other information you've set to everyone) is available to friends' applications unless you turn off platform applications and websites.

Save Changes **Cancel**

Info accessible th⋯ friends

Game and app act⋯

Instant personalization   Lets you see relevant information about your friends the moment   Edit Settings

Restrict applications' access to information
by un-checking all options for personal information sharing available through Friends.

Choose Your Privacy Settings ▸ Block Lists

◂ Back to Privacy

Block users   Once you block someone, that person can no longer be your friend on Facebook or interact with you (except within applications and games you both use).

Name: [_____] **Block This User**
Email: [_____] **Block This User**

You haven't added anyone to your block list.

Block app invites   Once you block app invites from someone, you'll automatically ignore future app requests from that friend. To block invites from a specific friend, click the "Ignore All Invites From This Friend" link under your latest request.

Block invites from: [Type the name of a friend...]

You haven't blocked invites from anyone.

Block event invites   Once you block event invites from someone, you'll automatically ignore future event requests from that friend.

Block invites from: [Type the name of a friend...]

You haven't blocked event invites from anyone.

Block information and requests
to cut off communication from precarious users by adding them to your child's "Block List."

These are just a few of the many privacy settings available on Facebook. **To learn more, visit:** facebook.com/privacy/explanation.php

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