

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:

Everyone	Everyone	Friends of Friends	Friends Only	Other
Friends of Friends	Your status, photos, and posts		*	
Friends Only	Bio and favorite quotations		*	
	Family and relationships		*	
Recommended	Photos and videos you're tagged in		*	
	Religious and political views		*	
Custom	Birthday		*	
	Permission to comment on your posts		*	
	Places you check in to [?]		*	
	Contact information		*	

[Customize settings](#) ✓ This is your current setting.

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.

Choose Your Privacy Settings ▶ **Connecting on Facebook**

[Back to Privacy](#) [Preview My Profile](#)

Your name, profile picture, gender and networks are visible to everyone ([learn more](#)). We also recommend setting the other basic settings below open to everyone so friends can find and connect with you.

Search for you on Facebook	This lets friends and family find you in Facebook search results. Set this to Everyone or you could miss friend requests.	Friends Only
Send you friend requests	This lets you receive friend requests. Set this to Everyone to avoid missing out on chances to connect with people you know.	Friends Only
Send you messages	This helps you make sure you know people before adding them as friends.	Friends of Friends
See your friend list	This lets you connect with people based on friends you have in common. Your friend list is always available to applications and your connections to friends may be visible elsewhere.	Friends Only

Contain communication options

to “Friends Only” or “Friends of Friends” to prevent unknown users from reaching out to your child.

Places: Friend Tags

Friends can check me in to Places [Disabled](#)

You're in control of your location on Facebook:

- Facebook will never share or expose your location automatically
- Only friends can tag you and check you in to a place
- We'll notify you when a friend has tagged you
- As with photos, you can remove a friend's tag at any time

[Learn more](#) [Okay](#)

Suggest photos of me to friends [Edit Settings](#)

When photos look like me, suggest my name

Friends can post on my Wall ☒ [Enable](#)

Can see Wall posts by friends [Friends of Friends](#)

Friends can check me in to Places [Edit Settings](#)

Disable Friend Tags in Facebook Places

so Friends cannot broadcast your child's whereabouts.

Choose Your Privacy Settings ▶ **Public Search**

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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**

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On Facebook, your information is shared with apps and websites. By default, apps have access to your information. You can change what information is shared with apps and websites.

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bio	<input type="checkbox"/> My videos
<input type="checkbox"/> Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> My links
<input type="checkbox"/> Family and relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> My notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested in	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos and videos I'm tagged in
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious and political views	<input type="checkbox"/> Hometown
<input type="checkbox"/> My website	<input type="checkbox"/> Current city
<input type="checkbox"/> If I'm online	<input type="checkbox"/> Education and work
<input type="checkbox"/> My status updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities, interests, things I like
<input type="checkbox"/> My photos	<input type="checkbox"/> 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](#)

Game and app activity

Instant personalization Lets you see relevant information about your friends the moment you visit their profile. [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**

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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:

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:

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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