

# IS YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT SAFE?

## PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

Are your social media accounts private? You may think posting an innocent picture of your self is fine but is it fine when anyone online can view it. At least once in our lives we have seen that high school movie where the main character's embarrassing photo somehow makes it way around the school travelling by social media. Social media accounts are a big part of your digital footprint because people can see it and it shows who you are.

## ONLINE COMMENTS



Are the comments that you're posting helpful or thoughtful? Does it impact people in a positive way? Most of the time we don't think before we speak. Our emotions may also effect what we say as well. It's important anywhere you go that you are careful what you say especially online. Think is this offensive? Is it kind? Is it appropriate? Comments don't go away once it's online its there forever, it can easily be tracked back to you and effect your life.

## PRIVATE INFORMATION

Private information should stay private. Giving a lot of information on ourselves is a very common thing most of us do but don't realize it. For instance, on Snapchat there is a map which allows you to see where a person lives or there whereabouts. In order for this to work all you need on is your location. If you add people you don't know on Snapchat they could easily tract your location which could be dangerous. Another example of this is bios, it is the cover of you're social media page. People can view it before adding you. I can bet most teenagers have the name of their school on the cover of their Facebook account. Even by giving a school name, it means your located around that area. Also basic privacy is not giving a stranger any information on yourself, as I said anything you do online is there permently.

## ADVICE

My Advice would be to just be careful what you post online, I could tell you a million things about what not to do but at the end of the day it's up to you whether you decide to go through with it or not. I'm not saying to not post pictures on social media. I'm saying to be mindful of what you post and if what you do online is impactful for the online community.

