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*e*Security Newsletter — Summer is a Social (Media) Time!

. Despite all of the warnings, many of us are too trusting when it comes to social media. These risks affect not just you, but your family, friends, and employer. Check out our safe social media snapshots.

PAUSE Before Posting

THINK before posting (and yes, we mean it)! Anything you post will likely become public at some point. If you don't want your Mom or boss to see it, you probably shouldn't post it. Also, pay attention to what others post about you. Even well-meaning friends and family can overshare.

Passphrase

Secure your social media account with a long, unique passphrase. A passphrase is a password made up of multiple words, making it easy for you to type and remember, but hard for cyber attackers to guess.

Terms of Services

Understand each site's terms of service. Anything you post or upload might become the property of the site.

Workplace

If you want to post anything about work, check with your supervisor first to make sure it is okay to publicly share. Be familiar with the details of your organization's Acceptable Use Policy. State employees should review our own policy, as well as our Social Media Policy.

Privacy

Social media sites are offering users stronger privacy options in light of the recent Facebook scandal. Enable yours! For example, does a site really need to track your location? How public is your friends list? Privacy options can be confusing and change often. Make it a habit to check and confirm they are working properly to protect your (and your friends' and family's) privacy.

TEEN TRENDS

The Pew Research Center's *Teen Social Media Use Survey 2018* shows that this age group's social media preferences center around three platforms: YouTube, Instagram and Snapchat. Wise parents will become familiar with these sites.

Snapchat Safety

Manage your settings. Snapchat's settings are really basic, but one setting is important to consider. If you don't want just anybody sending you photos or videos, make sure you're using the default setting to only accept incoming pictures from "My Friends".

Instagram Safety

Instagram gives you the option of setting your account to private so that only people you approve can follow you. If you post that way, your content is invisible to everyone else. You can also "revoke access to the third-party website" which prevents your photos/videos from appearing on Google. You can also turn off "location" so that people don't know where you were when the picture was taken.

Great Cyber Resources Found Here:

- Sans.org/security-awareness/ouch-newsletter
- Commonsensemedia.org/social-media
- Safesearchkids.com

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