



# Cyber Safety

Being a Responsible Digital Citizen:  
How to ensure you are safe on-line and that your  
on-line actions don't negatively impact on others



# Why is it important?

## Your Digital Footprint

**Public:** Once you put something online, it is available to everyone.

**Footprint:** Anything that you have put online becomes a part of your digital footprint. It is kind of like an online image of your personality.

**Private:** Most websites have privacy tools which help to keep your digital footprint private.



# Why is it important?

**Protect your "Present":** Avoid danger and unhappiness now by being careful about what you put online.

**Protect your "Future":** When applying for jobs, scholarships and overseas travel your digital footprint can be seen by:

- Future employers
- Applying for scholarships
- Police



# Why is it important?

Is it actually private?

Nothing you put online can ever be **truly private**.

**Social media** websites are made to put information about you to the public. So once you post something, it is online forever.

**Before** you post something, think about whether you want your future employer or the person who can give you a scholarship to see what you're posting.



# What is digital safety?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TUMHplBveo&t=96s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBg2YYV3Bts>



# Do's and Dont's:

## Passwords

Don't **share** your passwords and change your passwords regularly.

**Remember** if you share your device with someone they potentially have access to your privacy.

A lot of people have passwords **saved automatically** on their devices and you might be giving them free access to your privacy.



# Do's and Don'ts

## Social Media

Posting on websites like Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, etc is like **"talking" in public.**

Posting photographs on these sites is like **appearing in public.**

Make sure your **personal settings** on these sites are safe settings for someone your age.

Once something is "out there" you can't get it back. Before you post, like or share anything consider the **IMPACT** on others. "Flick the switch" in your brain, before you "flick the key" on your device!



# Harmful Digital Communications Act

It is a criminal offence if:

a person posts a digital communication with the intention that it cause harm to someone or does cause harm to someone. This includes emotional distress.

Posting means **transferring, sending, publishing, sharing** information about individuals and includes visual recordings.

Penalties include **fines and/or imprisonment**.





# Cyber-bullying

**Save the evidence:** If you are the target of cyber-bullying is that the capture and save the messages/images.

**Let someone know:**

- Parent
- Tutor Teacher
- Dean
- Guidance Counsellor



# Digital Citizen?

Being a digital citizen basically means that you have **rights** and **responsibilities** when you use the internet and social media.

**You are a digital citizen** if you use technology confidently for any social, educational, cultural, recreational or economic reasons.

Being a **positive, responsible digital citizen** means that you are aware of how your posts and actions online can affect others and yourself, and you know how to keep yourself safe on-line.



# Responsible Digital Citizen Agreement

A **responsible digital citizen** is someone who uses technology in their learning in a **positive way**.

All students are asked to read and sign the **Responsible Digital Citizen Agreement**.

