

Tips to Consider



Before Posting Online

1.) Who is going to see your profile?

This brings in the every challenging question of who is one going to friend online. Always take the time to consider your personal boundaries and determine typical what type of information you share online and ask yourself “would I be comfortable sharing information with this person?”

2.) How closely will I monitor my privacy settings?

Every social networking platform has privacy settings so it is important to know what the settings are. Then you can choose who will see what you post. Take the time to be vigilant about knowing the privacy settings of each social networking site and use the settings to help share information.

3.) What is appropriate?

Unfortunately this can be a gray area as each individual has different opinions on what they consider to be appropriate and not appropriate. However here are some questions to help people individually consider what might be appropriate:

- Is this post/story necessary? Is there a real benefit to this post—is it funny, warm-hearted, teachable—or am I just making noise online without purpose?
- Have we resolved this issue? An issue still being worked out, or one that is either vulnerable or highly emotional, should not be made public.
- How would others feel about me posting this information online ?
- Is it appropriate? Does it stay within my personal boundaries?
- Will I stand by my posting?
- In 30 minutes, how will I feel about my post?
- Can I stand before my peers and defend my post?
- How might my posting be perceived?
- Have I considered issues of confidentiality?

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