

Worried about your Facebook privacy? Six things you should know

Follow these tips to maximize your [Facebook](#) security:

1. You Have To Visit Different Links To Hide Your Profile Info From The Public

This is especially important if your kids have their own Facebook accounts.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

On the upper right-hand corner of the screen, click **Account > Privacy Settings > Personal Information and Posts**. Make sure you adjust your privacy settings beside all 12 categories.

Then click **Back To Privacy > Contact Information**. Make sure you adjust your privacy settings beside all 9 categories.

Then click **Back to Privacy > Friends, Tags & Connections**. Make sure you adjust your privacy settings beside all 10 categories.

2. Facebook Uses Your Info in Ads

When your friends view Facebook ads, they may see your name.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

On the upper right hand corner of your screen, click **Account > Account Settings > Facebook Ads**.

Select **No one** beside **Allow ads on platform pages to show my information to** & beside **Show my social actions in Facebook Ads to**.

3. You Have Been Enrolled In The Instant Personalization Pilot Program

Facebook gives websites like [Yelp](#), Pandora and [Microsoft](#) Docs access to your profile info.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

On the upper right hand corner of your screen, click **Account > Privacy Settings > Applications and Websites**.

Click **Edit Setting** beside **Instant Personalization Pilot Program**.

Then uncheck the box at the bottom of the screen.

Even if you opt out of the Instant Personalization Pilot Program, websites may still access info about you via your friends, unless you block each individual site's application.

4. Your Friends May Be Sharing Your Info With Third-Parties

When you Facebook friends use applications you do not use, they may be sharing your info with third parties.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Click **Account > Privacy Settings > Applications & Websites > What your friends can share about you**.

Uncheck all 13 boxes.

5. You Can Monitor Which Devices Access Your Facebook Account

This tool, released Friday, helps fight hackers by notifying you of unusual log-ins.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

On the upper right-hand corner of your screen, click **Account > Account Settings > Account Security**.

Click **Yes** below **Would you like to receive notifications for logins from new devices?**

The next time you log in, Facebook will ask you to name the device you are using. Then it will send you an email. This way, if anyone logs in to your account from a device you don't use, you'll know about it.

6. Yes, You Can Delete Your Facebook Account – But It's Not Easy

Facebook makes it easy to deactivate your account, which means you can reactivate it at any time without losing your profile info. However, deleting your account is much more difficult.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

To deactivate your account: On the upper right-hand corner of your screen, click **Account > Account Settings > Deactivate Account**. To delete your account: Use this link to delete your Facebook account:

https://ssl.facebook.com/help/contact.php?show_form=delete_account

Click **Submit**. Enter your password and fill out the text box. Press **Okay**. Do not log into Facebook for two weeks, or your account will be reactivated. After two weeks, you won't be able to log in to Facebook.

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