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Oh sweet summer child, you can never return to that home of your childhood again. For you are not the same person that left...

- Abuse and Harrassment Online
- Factors Leading to Exposure
- How to Respond

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“Cyberbullying is posting mean spirited messages online, often about a young person, often done anonymously.” says Merriam Webster.

Cyberbullying research center defines it as “willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices”.

It can escalate to more serious forms of harrasment if not taken care of.

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It is such a common thing that NYT has a special topic tracker just for Cyberbullying. The cost of entry for cyber bullying is truly low. In an environment defined by anonymity, throngs take courage they may not otherwise have. Fueled by a mindless herd mentality they viciously attack those who are victimized. Unfortunately, things don't usually remain confined to mean spirited messages.

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While anyone can be the victim of cyberbullying, certain groups are at a disadvantage as it would appear internet’s underbelly is full of trolls waiting for a chance to take a shot at those they consider easy prey.

Furthermore, certain threats are more impactful when directed to certain groups. Majority often does not have a traumatic history that they relate to these actions. The threat of sexual violence towards women, or slavery/genocide towards minorities can be more hurtful.

- Oversharing
- Visibility
- Permanence
- Long Term Consequences

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Before you share, think about these.

Once you share something online, there is no taking it back. Others will make copies, it will be archived, and saved beyond your control.

Treat everything you share as part of a permanent record. While you may be happy with your views now, in the long run you may regret it.

22% of people in hiring positions report they have denied job applications based on social media history.

NASA INTERN LOSES JOB AFTER ACCIDENTAL PROFANITY-LACED TWEET TO SPACE COUNCIL FELLOW

The Nasa hopeful had no idea who she was swearing at

Anthony Cuthbertson | @ADCuthbertson | Wednesday 22 August 2018 21:57



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Exposure Online Brings Risks

It is hard to talk about real cases without re-victimizing the victim.

Defence Against the Dark Arts

Is This The Hill You Want to Die on?

Do you really need the rest of humanity to know?

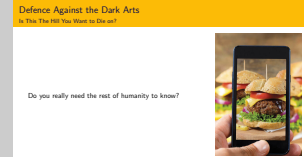


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The point is not to discourage you from sharing your ideas online.
If you feel passionate about something, do go ahead.
Perhaps consider if you really need all 6.5 billion sweaty masses of us to know what you ate for lunch.



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Who Can See What?

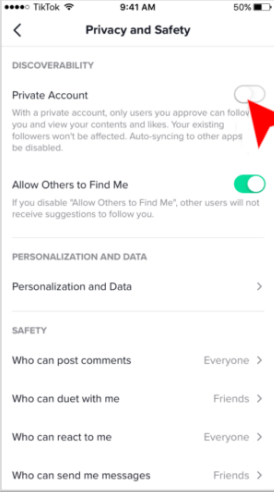
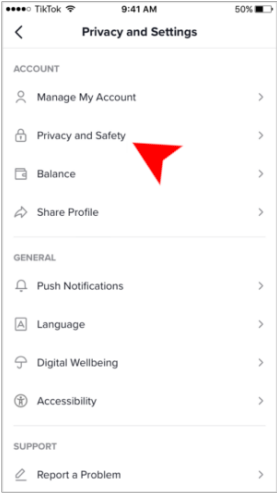
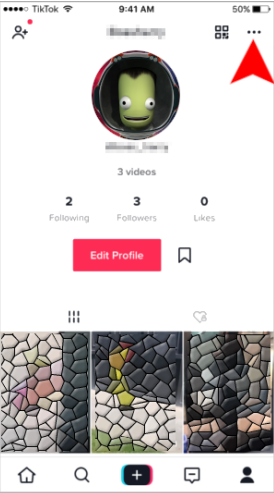
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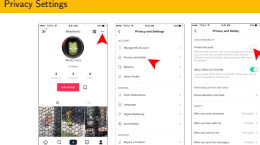


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Privacy Settings

The least you can do is to make your account private.



Password and Authentication Habbits

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While we will talk more about best practices for password and authentication mechanisms in a later module, it is worth noting here as well.
Reusing the same password, or not using MFA can enable attackers to expand their harrasment quickly.
To limit the damage, it is important to keep your accounts safe through MFA and strong passwords.

Password and Authentication Habbits

Recap

- Abuse and Harrassment Online
- Factors Leading to Exposure
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Internet is a jungle. It can be beautiful but you need to watch out for yourself. Things you do online have consequences IRL.