

You can check out more useful publications and eSafety guides on the Hub or Moodle and around the LMC campus.

Contact Computer Services for any help with this or any other IT related issues.

If you feel unsure about your online security or need more help and advice then you can talk to your Course Tutor, Computer Services or Student Services

On-line advice is also available at www.CEOP.co.uk or www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

Computer Services eSafety Series

Recommendations for safer Social Networking



Your Safety

ID fraudsters target Facebook and other social networking sites to harvest information about you. Currently Facebook access is restricted in College but we still want you to be safe, so here's how we recommend you set your Facebook privacy options to protect against online identity theft or unwanted contacts.

Security tips for Facebook

Adjust Facebook privacy settings to help protect your identity.

Unlike some other social networking sites, Facebook has provided some powerful options to protect you online - but it's up to you to use them!

Read the Facebook Guide to Privacy

At the very bottom of every page on Facebook, there's a link that reads "*Privacy*."

The linked page is "[A guide to privacy on Facebook](#)," which contains the latest privacy functions and policies.

For example, with the latest changes in May 2010, Facebook discloses information that it sets as visible to everyone and that you cannot make private.

This information includes sensitive information like your name, profile picture, gender and networks. When in doubt, use the "*Preview my profile*" button on any privacy settings page to

Think carefully about who you allow to become your friend

Once you have accepted someone as your friend they will be able to access any information about you (including photographs) that you have marked as viewable by your friends. You can remove friends at any time should you change your mind about someone

Show "*limited friends*" a cut-down version of your profile

You can choose to make people '*limited friends*' who only have access to a cut-down version of your profile if you wish. This can be useful if you have associates who you do not wish to give full friend status to, or feel uncomfortable sharing personal information with.

Disable options, then open them one by one

Think about how you want to use Facebook. If it's only to keep in touch with people and be able to contact them then maybe it's better to turn off the bells and whistles. It makes a lot of sense to disable an option until you have decided you do want and need it, rather than start with everything accessible. If you need more help you can contact Computer Services or go to this website:

www.sophos.com/security/best-practice/facebook