Watch Your Space

As you know, people you meet online are not always who they seem to be. Be careful about getting together with someone you “met” online unless you are certain of their identity. If you do meet them arrange the meeting in a public place and bring some friends along.

www.watchyourspace.ie
If people can post comments on your profile, check them regularly. Don’t reply to comments that annoy you or make you angry. Stay in control, delete them, block the person, and report them to the website owner.

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Upload once online forever

Friends & friends

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Upload anything before you upload a second time. Take a photo once it’s online so that you can control who sees your photo. Remember, you can’t futureproof your future employer, parents, teachers, or whoever sees your photo. Think about before uploading.

Try and be selective about who you become friends with. You can tell a lot about someone by the company they keep. Ladies, if a guy you don’t know adds you and he has nothing but half-dressed girls on his page, don’t add him back. Even though they are called “friends,” people you “add” are really little more than acquaintances. Nobody has 500 friends. Add people you know. Be as popular as you are or aren’t.

The laws of physics tell us that what goes up must come down. Not on the Internet! What you upload can be downloaded by anyone, altered, and passed around or posted online pretty much forever. Once you upload a photo, you’ve lost control over where it appears, who sees it, and what happens to it. Try it yourself, right-click on any picture on the Internet and choose Save Picture As... to see how easy it is.
If something is posted on a website that is intended to be hurtful to someone, your first step should be to contact the owners of the website and get it removed. If this doesn’t have any effect move on to report as a serious incident.

You should report serious incidents that could be illegal to the authorities. Illegal issues include someone making inappropriate sexual suggestions, racist remarks, child abuse images, or persistent bullying. These incidents can be reported to the Gardaí or www.hotline.ie – all reports are taken very seriously.

Many sites allow you to decide which parts of your profile can be accessed by others. Assume that everything is public unless you are sure that it isn’t. Opting for private doesn’t always mean that only your friends can see your profile. In some cases, everything you put on your profile can be seen by everyone but only your friends can post comments or IM you.
Talking to your parents, friends, or someone you trust is usually the first step in dealing with any issue. If you come across images that are being used to bully someone, you should also talk to a teacher or guidance counsellor about it. If you need someone to talk to, go to Childline Online www.childline.ie.

Someone's looking at you

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Remember, anything you post can not only be seen by others but can easily be copied and shared. Your photos and blogs might be getting a lot more attention than you intended. Next time you’re thinking about posting a pic of yourself online, think about whose attention they are likely to attract and what site those photos can end up on.

Don't be a victim

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