# TOP TIPS FOR SOCIAL NETWORKING



Social media is great but there are risks, think about how different sites work before deciding to join. Stay safe with these tips and check out these websites for more info:

cybersmart.gov.au staysmartonline.gov.au bullyingnoway.com.au

# LIMIT



Keep your
personal
information to a minimum –
your friends and family already
know this stuff. In particular
anything that can be used by
someone else like: phone numbers, pictures of your home,
workplace or school, your ad-

dress, date of birth or full name.

## LOCK



Don't let people you don't know have access to your profile. Use the highest privacy settings on the site to control who can see your photos and posts.

# **BE RANDOM**

Set up an email account that doesn't use your real name for social networking sites. Using your full name in your email address may give online 'friends' and 'contacts' access to more information



### **PROTECT**

Always keep your password secret, don't even share it with your friends. Make your password hard to guess – use a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols.

# RESPECT

Always get permission before posting someone else's content such as photos. Sharing content without permission is an invasion of privacy and breaches copyright laws. If a person asks you to remove a photomake sure you do.

#### **CHECK**



Check you are happy with everything on your profile and delete anything you don't like. Block anyone who posts inappropriate or offensive content.



#### **KNOW**

Choose your friends and be careful who you trust online. A person can pretend to be someone they are not. Don't accept friend requests if you're not sure about the person.



#### **BEWARE**

What goes online stays online – think twice about what you say and post (especially photos). Everything posted can be copied, saved, emailed, changed and uploaded to other sites.

# **REPORT**





