



SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY - 8TH GRADE
UNIT 1: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

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Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media

Most teens use social media and have a profile on a social networking site. There are plenty of good things about social media — but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid.

What's Good About Social Media

Social media can help kids stay connected with friends and family, enhance their creativity by sharing ideas, music, and art, meet and interact with others who share similar interests, among other things.

What's Bad About Social Media

Most teens post photos of themselves online or use their real names on their profile, reveal their birthdates and interests or post their school name and the town where they live. This can make them easy targets for online predators and others who might mean them harm.

What Can We Do? It's important to:

- **Be nice.** Mean behavior is not OK. Treat others with respect, and never post hurtful or embarrassing messages.
- **Think twice before hitting “enter.”** What you post can be used against you. You should avoid posting specific locations of parties or events, as well as phone numbers.
- **Use privacy settings.** Passwords are there to protect you against things like identity theft. You should never share them with anyone, even a boyfriend, girlfriend, or best friend.
- **Don't “friend” strangers.** “If you don't know them, don't friend them.” This is a plain, simple — and safe — rule of thumb.

1. Read the text. Then, read the sentences and transform them into suggestions using you should or you shouldn't. (10 pts)

Lee el texto. Luego, lee las oraciones y transformarlas en sugerencias usando you should o you shouldn't.

Example: Change your passwords. → You should change your passwords.

- a) Treat others with respect.
- b) Never post hurtful or embarrassing messages.



c) Think twice before hitting "enter."

d) Use privacy settings.

e) Don't "friend" strangers.

2. Read the following sentences and put a ✓ or X depending on what you should or shouldn't do. (6 pts)

Lee las siguientes oraciones y pónle un ✓ o una X a lo que deberías o no hacer.

a)		Share private information with strangers.
b)		Upload inappropriate content.
c)		Tell your parents if you are being cyberbullied.
d)		Be cautious about the information you share.
e)		Log out when you're finished.
f)		Block and report people who post upsetting comments or content.

