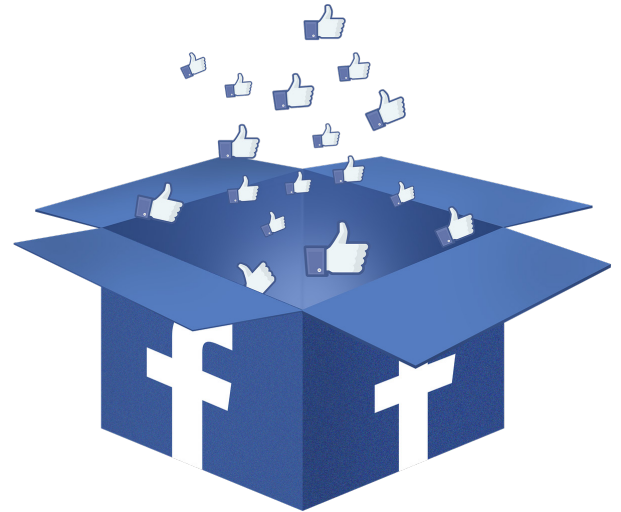


FACEBOOK

Facebook now has more than 700 million users worldwide, which represents 10% of the population. It offers its members the possibility to create a profile, post pictures and details of their lives and “connect” with other members, their “friends”, and share information.

Facebook is particularly popular among young people who, unfortunately, are not always aware of the possible risks involved in its use. However, it is possible to reduce these risks by configuring one’s account appropriately and by also adopting safe behaviours.



In order to help your children optimize the protection of their identity on Facebook, review the following security guidelines with them:

Tell your child to choose an appropriate email address and password.

It is preferable to use an email address exclusive to Facebook, as well as a password that is easy for the user to remember, but difficult for others to guess.

Make sure that he controls his “friends” list.

Tell your child to pay attention to his list of friends and question whether all of these people are “Facebook friends” or true friends. Your child should be aware that everything he posts on Facebook is accessible to his friends (and also to his friends’ friends).

Remind him to choose with care the information that he publishes as well as the photos that he posts.

Your child does not need to fill in all the optional fields when he completes his profile. **He needs to remember that as soon as information or a photo is posted, he no longer has control of the subject.**

Teach your child to ask himself the following questions: Do I really want to make this information public, regardless of the consequences? Will this photo harm my reputation or that of another person? Does this photo display information that I do not want released? Keep in mind that more and more employers now use Facebook in order to obtain information about potential job candidates: one should always be vigilant.

Tell him to be cautious when installing applications.

Facebook offers its members thousands of applications (games, weather, translation, sports results, etc). Certain applications are conceived by external suppliers and could contain risks: access to personal data, infiltration by malicious software (malware), etc. Consequently, tell your children to be wary of applications from external sources that they do not trust.

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Teach him how to manage the parameters of his account.

The "Parameters" menu allows users to manage information and must be completed with care. To access this menu, your child has to slide the cursor over "Account" and click on "Account settings". He must keep in mind that he can make important modifications: name, email address, password, subscribe or unsubscribe to a network, notification parameters, access via smartphone, language, payment of purchases made through Facebook.

What is a Facebook network?

It is a virtual community bringing together a certain number of members that have a common point of interest. For example, the "Montreal, Qc" network is comprised of members living in Montreal or those who have an interest in Montreal. Tell your child to be careful when subscribing to a network.

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