Digital Foundations

Safety

TIPS AND TRICKS

When you're sharing with the people you care about and engaging with the communities that interest you, you'll have a more empowering experience. Here are the tools you need to manage your network and connect with the content you'll most enjoy.

Here are some tips and tricks to define and manage your circle:

FRIENDING

It's important to think about how we build safe and supportive communities online. As you start building your friend community on social media and tech, consider only adding people you know and trust so you can feel comfortable sharing your authentic self. Over time, you can expand your circle with other friends that you know will provide a positive and safe environment.

FOLLOWING

If you'd like to see updates from people you find interesting but don't know personally, like a reporter or a celebrity, try following them. When you follow someone, you'll see their content in your 'feed' but they won't see yours in theirs. Think about the content they share and make sure it's something that inspires, motivates and resonates with you. You can always choose to unfollow someone if the content changes and feels like it isn't right for you.

UNFRIENDING

If you choose to unfriend someone, you won't see each other's updates anymore, and you won't be listed as friends. Unfriending is normally anonymous. To friend the person again, you'll need to send a new friend request. To unfriend someone, hover over Friends at the top of their profile and select Unfriend.

BLOCKING

This is something you can do on most social media platforms when you're feeling uncomfortable and receiving unwanted communication from someone. When you block someone, they won't be able to find you in a search, start conversations with you, or see things you post. In addition, people you block can no longer tag you, invite you to events or groups, or add you as a connection. Blocking is usually reciprocal, which means you won't be able to see things they post, or start conversations with them either. The person will not be notified when you block them.

REPORTING

The goal is for you to feel safe and supported. If you come across something that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, follow the steps on the app's reporting tools to alert others to the issue. Also be sure to tell an adult so they can help answer questions and provide additional support.

UNDO AND DELETE

Have you ever said something and then immediately regretted it? You can always change your mind about something you've posted and delete things if you want to. You can also delete messages, conversations and photos from your inbox. Keep in mind that this won't delete them from your friend's inbox. If you want to report the conversation, take a screenshot before you delete it.

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