

DIGITAL PARENTING

A Resource Sheet

DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY

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In the wake of the Cambridge Analytica and Facebook scandal, parents want to know how to stay safe.

What is the main thing that parents need to know?

- don't panic
- parents have a responsibility to be the digital guardians for their children
- the information to protect your data is there, now you need to find it
- read the terms of use on social media platforms

But if you can't understand the legalese, what are some quick tips?

- Check your privacy settings
- Google your name, set a Google alert
- update software on devices
- optimize app settings
- Perform a Facebook privacy check-up
- Read up on the Facebook Parent's Portal

What can parents specifically do?

FB, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat all have Safety Centers with information and tips to protect your child's data and privacy. Read through, talk with your children and teens to make sure that they understand what is acceptable and what's not.

And if they are under 13, now is a good time to show them how much data is being collected so that they understand that it may be better to wait until they are older.

The General Data Protection Regulation will be coming in to effect in May. What does this mean?

The GDPR will overhaul how businesses protect our data and it's designed to harmonize privacy laws across Europe.



- Here are some of the resources mentioned:

The Facebook Parent's Portal:

<https://www.facebook.com/safety/parents>

How to download your Facebook data:

<https://www.facebook.com/help/302796099745838?ref=shareable>

Set up a Google alert for your name (or your children's names):

<https://www.bloggibasics101.com/how-to-set-up-a-google-a.../>

Privacy settings on Google:

<https://myaccount.google.com/privacy?pli=1>

Another tip to remember is that every social media site has a Safety Center that tells you how the site uses your data and how you can control that use in the settings. Look for them or find aggregated information on the topic in the FREE closed group The Digital Parenting Community. Just click to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheDigitalParentingCommunity>

For an easy-to-digest guide on what the terms and conditions of social media platforms mean, check out this fabulous resource by the UK's Children's Commissioner:

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/digital-citizenship>