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USING SAFETY SETTINGS



MySpace has developed a number of safety features and settings to protect you from unwanted contact and allow you to control the privacy of your profile, including:

Private Profiles

Every profile has the option of being 'private.' This means that only you and those you have added and approved as friends can see the details of your profile, including your blog, photos, interests, etc.

To set your profile to 'private,' first sign in to your MySpace account. In the 'Classic View of the profile,' click on the 'Account Settings' link next to your profile picture. In the 'New Home Skin' view of the profile, click on 'Settings' from the Control Panel located below your profile picture. Select 'Privacy' from the top navigation bar. In 'Profile Viewable By' select 'My Friends Only'. Now, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Save All Changes' to ensure your updated settings have been saved.

Pre-approve Comments

The default setting for comments on MySpace profiles does not require comments to be approved prior to appearing on your profile.

To change your settings so you can approve comments before they are posted, sign in to your MySpace account. In the 'Classic View of the profile,' click on the 'Account Settings' link next to your profile picture. In the 'New Home Skin' view of the profile, click on 'Settings' from the Control Panel located below your profile picture. Select 'Spam' from the top navigation bar. In 'Comments' select 'Require approval before comments are posted'. Now, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Save All Changes' to ensure your updated settings have been saved.

Block another user

If a user that you do not know or want to interact with contacts you, you have the ability to block them from future contact. Also, if you feel this person may be a threat to yourself or others, immediately notify a trusted adult or law enforcement and report the user to MySpace through the 'Contact MySpace' link at the bottom of every page.

To block a user from contacting you, go to the user's page and under their profile picture click on the 'Block User' link. A pop-up window will appear asking you if you are sure you want to block this user. Click 'Ok.' to confirm.

Turn off the 'online now' status icon

Don't want people to know when you're on MySpace? Turn off the 'online now' status icon so other users can't see when you're on the site and when you're not.

To conceal your 'online now' status, sign in to your MySpace account. . In the 'Classic View of the profile', click on the 'Account Settings' link next to your profile picture In the 'New Home Skin' view of the profile, click on 'Settings' from the Control Panel located below your profile picture. Select 'Privacy' from the top navigation bar. In 'Online Now' un-select 'Show People When I'm Online'. Now, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Change Settings' to ensure your setting has been saved.

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