13 Reasons why Facebook is for over 13s

Facebook, Instagram and other social media services are increasingly being used by children under 13 years of age to socialise, share photos, videos, links and information, to chat, to plan social events and so on.

1. The minimum age to open a Facebook account is **13 years.**

2. Facebook has **relaxed the additional protection** and **security settings for teens (age 13-17).** It is now possible for teens to post images and status updates to people outside their friend network.

3. Facebook advertisements or apps may have content that is **not appropriate** for under 13s.

4. Facebook **expects parents** of under 13s to show their children how **to delete** their Facebook account, if they have one.

5. Facebook expects all users to use their real name and identities. *It's against Facebook terms to lie about your name or age.*

6. Every word, message, image and video you add to Facebook will **be there forever** *unless you take it down.*

7. Facebook **expects parents** to discuss online safety with their child and to set ground rules.

8. Every image, including your profile photo, can be **copied** by others, **changed** by others and be **online forever**!

9. Facebook games may have **different T & C** to Facebook and only be suitable for **over 18s**

10. Facebook **Timeline** is an online representation of your child's life based on the information they and others added. What does their **timeline reveal about them**?

11. Facebook will *remove images that break copyright law or are pornographic* but will not remove photos you just don't like!

12. Facebook can **share location** in posts. Do you want your child's online friends to know where they are? Turn off location services on mobile devices.

13. Facebook has a **safety centre specifically for parents.**
http://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/

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13 Ways to 'Stay Safe' on Facebook

Does your child have a Facebook account?
What are you doing to keep your child and your family safe?

Here are 13 things we can all do today to help *'Stay Safe' on Facebook*

1. Preview your profile to see how it looks to others. This can be done by using the 'View As' feature in the Timeline and Tagging section of the settings.

2. Make sure that you are not a victim of 'Fraping' (other people using your account details to make posts etc.) Have a **strong password** and **logout** when not using Facebook

3. Check your **privacy settings** – do you know who can see your phone number or post on your timeline? What about your **child's timeline!**

4. Turn **Facebook 'chat'** on and off to control who knows you are online (bottom right-hand corner of browser.)

5. Edit the privacy settings of the **Apps** you use.

6. **Review posts and photos** that you are tagged in before they appear in your profile by editing your 'timeline and tagging' settings.

7. Check before adding content, including photos, that you have the right to do so. **Facebook expects you to do this.**

8. Always be nice online, just as you are in the real world. **Facebook does not tolerate bullying or harassment**

9. **Report abusive or offensive content** that you believe breaks Facebook T & C by using the **"I don't like this post"** at the top right of the post. Reports are anonymous and you will not be identified.

10. Only make online friends with people you know and trust in the real world. You can easily '**unfriend'** a friend - they will not be told.

11. Create a **Facebook group for your family** so that you have a private space to keep in touch, share photos and learn about Facebook together.

12. Read the **Terms & Conditions** to make sure you know what **Facebook expects** from you!

13. Visit the **Facebook Safety Centre** http://www.facebook.com/safety/tools/