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Advice for Teens:

Manage Your Digital Footprint

Your digital footprint includes everything you've ever shared online PLUS everything other people or companies have shared. Many colleges and employers check your digital footprint to look for potential problems. Here are some tips for managing your digital footprint.



Google yourself.

Do a search for your name and check the results. If you find problematic content, you might be able to have it removed.

Review your privacy settings.

Some social media have a setting that keeps your public posts from being indexed by search engines.

Think about the image you want to convey.

If you want to look professional for employers, create a LinkedIn account. If you want people to know you're creative, set up an Instagram to share your work.

For more information, visit <https://safedata.umd.edu>

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