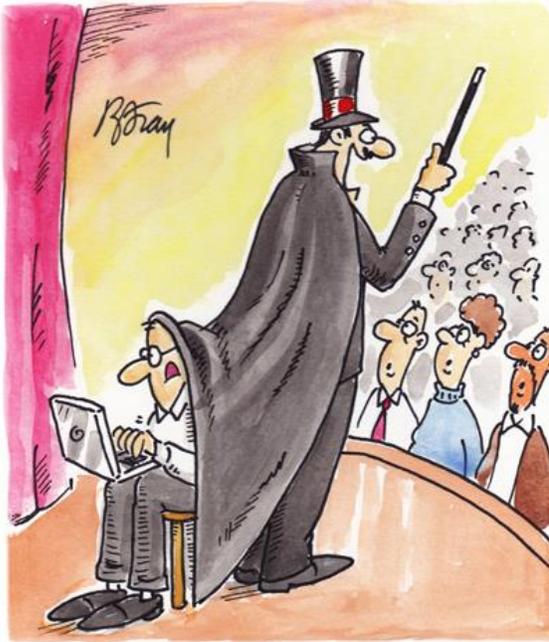


# PRIVACY CHALLENGE

## Digital Security



" AND NOW, FOR MY NEXT TRICK, I WILL GUESS YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH, BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AND WHERE YOU HAVE THAT SPECIAL TATTOO! "

*Developing foundational skills around Internet privacy and safety while young can positively impact students throughout their digital lives.*

Teachers play an important role in helping young people to know whom they can trust with their information online. Students need to learn when they are putting their information in jeopardy--and the warning signs aren't always obvious. Starting in elementary school, students can learn to distinguish positive and safe sharing from oversharing, and the importance of asking for permission before creating accounts or downloading files. Teens can learn concrete strategies for identifying online scams, and limiting the information companies collect about them through apps and websites.

### **Challenge:**

How do you support students or the young people in your life with digital security and privacy? See what Media Smarts says about protecting your privacy on commercial websites by clicking [here](#).

### **What is it?**

Digital security is the protection of your digital identity – the network or internet equivalent of your physical identity. You can use tools such as strong passwords, anti-virus software and good practices such as not sharing passwords, checking terms and conditions of web apps and learning to recognize phishing scams to secure your identity in the online world. Educators must support digital security for their students and teach students how to take responsibility for their digital identity.

### **Tips & Tricks**

- Use strong passwords on all mobile devices.
- Share as little personal information online as possible.
- If you must use USB keys, use encrypted ones for personal or confidential information and use board approved cloud storage.
- Never share login credentials on devices. For an occasional employee, create a separate login for that purpose.
- Where possible, create generic student accounts for web apps rather than giving student personal information.
- Use individual printed cards with login information for each student rather than posting a list.
- Talk to students about not sharing passwords.
- Take the time to teach password creation for students at an early age.