

Privacy and security

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Type of resource

Video: (3 mins 35 secs) Article (2min read)

Learning objectives

- **Keep your information private:** Learn what personal information is, like your name, address, or phone number, and understand why it's important to keep this information private.
- **Use strong passwords:** Understand how passwords protect your information online. Learn how to create strong, unique passwords and why you should never share them with others.
- **Be careful:** Know that some people online might try to trick you into sharing your information. Always be cautious about who you talk to online and ask a trusted adult if you're not sure.

Content summary

- Presenter introduces the topic of privacy and security, explaining that personal information shouldn't be shared online and that passwords should be strong.
- Presenter uses the analogy of how locking your door to your house with a key is like keeping your personal information safe online and protecting it with a password.
- Dramatisation of a young person changing their profile photo and password to make them safer.
- Presenter offers final top tips and advice.

Glossary

- **Avatar:** an online character that represents you.
- **Username:** the name you create for yourself online.
- **Personal information:** any identifying details that tell you about who someone is.
- **Permission:** when someone says something is okay to do.
- **Password:** a collection of letters, numbers and symbols you enter to keep your account safe.
- **Private:** keeping something to yourself, or only telling the people you trust.
- **Unique:** different to others.

Topic introductions and starters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information should we keep safe online? • What do you think personal information means? • Why do we use passwords? • What might make a strong password?
Discussion points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does the character decide to not use a photo of themselves as their profile picture? • Why does the character decide to not use the photo of their dog? • Why was the cartoon dog the best choice for the character's profile photo? • Why did the character decide to not use the password 12345? • How does the character think of a safer password? • Why is this password a much safer choice?

Activity ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use random words and numbers around the room to make secure passwords like the character in the video.• Design an avatar and username that don't include any personal information.• Create a top tips poster, advising other young people how to keep their personal information safe online.
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