



Secure Google+



Note: all screenshots taken from the Google.com site. Mobile apps may have differing features.

Google+ 'Settings'

Who can interact with you and your posts

Who can send you notifications? [Learn more](#) Your circles ⇅

Who can comment on your public posts? [Learn more](#) Your circles ⇅

Shared Endorsements Off Edit

Notification delivery

Email: mjohnson.trmg@gmail.com
[Add email address](#)

Phone: Add phone number

Manage subscriptions

- Occasional updates about Google+ activity and friend suggestions
- Occasional updates from people outside your circles

Receive notifications

Be notified by email or phone when someone...

- ▶ Posts
- ▶ Circles
- ▶ Photos
- ▶ Hangouts
- ▶ Events
- ▶ Communications about Google+ Pages
- ▶ Communities
- ▶ Polls
- ▶ Collections

Apps & activities

Manage your apps and Activity Log, including who can see your Google and third-party activities.

[Manage apps & activities](#)

Manage your votes on polls.

[Manage votes](#)

Your circles

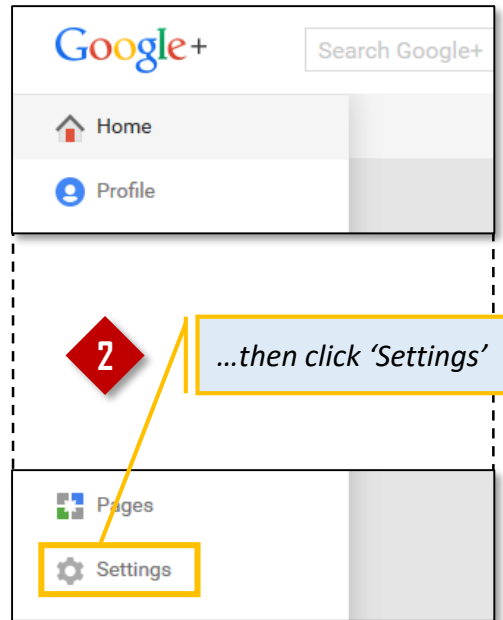
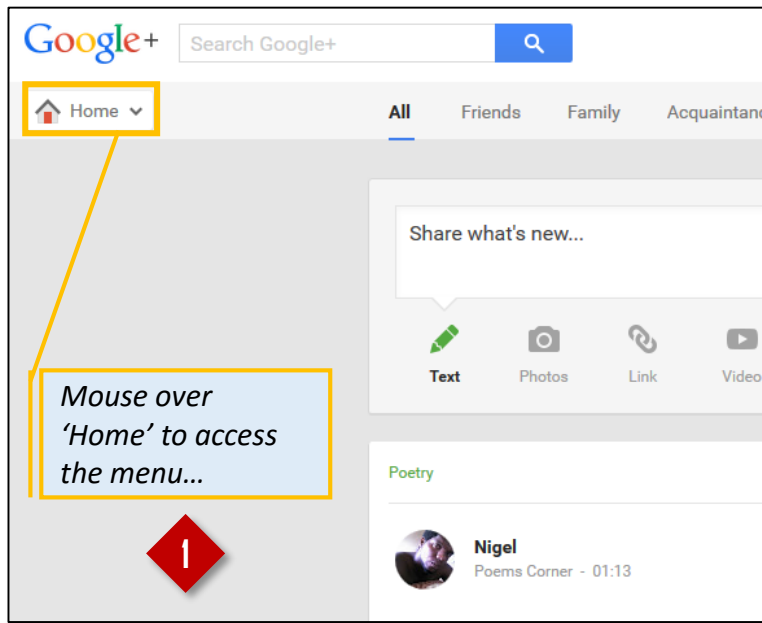
When you share posts, photos, profile data and other things with "Your circles", you're sharing to all of your circles, except the ones you're just following.

[Customise](#)

Note: This guide only covers Google+. Gmail has its own settings area. Please see the separate Gmail guide for pointers on securing your Google email account.

All Google+ settings are accessed via a single page which is quite lengthy.
Scroll down the page for more settings options...

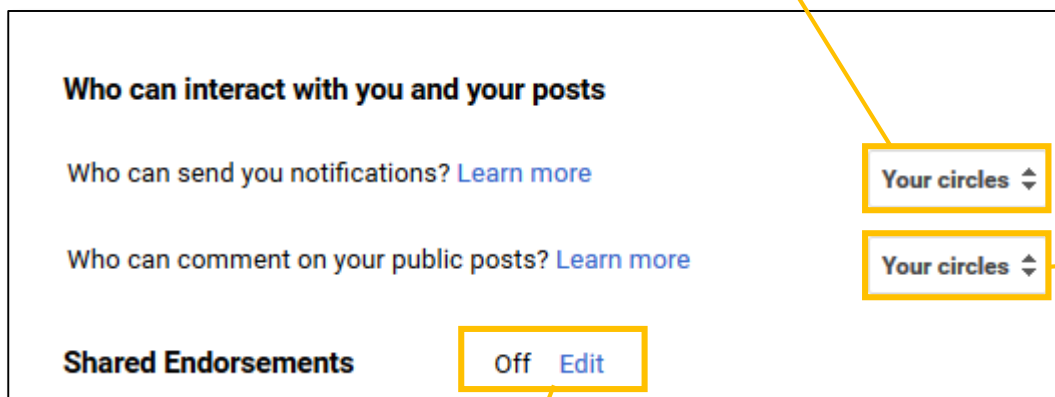
To access 'Settings'



Posts and Endorsements

1 Restrict who can send you notifications to 'Your circles' or 'Only you'.

2 Restrict who can comment on your posts.



3 Turn Shared Endorsements off to avoid being mentioned in Google Ads.

Notifications and Subscriptions

1 Toggle email notifications On or Off ('On' is recommended). Avoid using work email addresses.

2 DO NOT add a phone number unless essential.

3 Turn off subscriptions.

4 Set your notification options to suit your preferences, but DO consider receiving photo tagging notifications, as these can be useful personal security warnings.

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 - Tags one of your photos
 - Suggests a profile photo for you
 - Comments on a photo that you're tagged in
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Apps & activities

1

Click to manage your apps and your activities log.

Apps & activities

Manage your apps and Activity Log, including who can see your Google and third-party activities.

Manage apps & activities

This is the most secure scenario.

2

Apps Google Log

Manage apps

You've signed in to these apps with Google. You control who can see your signed-in apps and activities on Google services. [Learn more](#)

You have not connected with any apps using Google+ Sign-In. [Learn more](#)

3

This setting prevents others from identifying posts you have commented on.

Apps Google Log

Manage Google sources

These Google sources are writing activities to your Activity log. [Learn more](#)

Visible to

+1

Google+
+1s on posts activity

Extended circles [edit](#)

Who can see your "+1s on posts" activity?

Extended circles

Public

Your circles

Only you

Custom

Friends find cool people and posts. People you select
future Google+ activity. You can view your past
ways, activity updates from private posts will only be
shared with. [Learn more](#)

Cancel

Save

Customise "Your circles"

Your circles
When you share posts, photos, profile data and other things with "Your circles", you're sharing to all of your circle ones you're just following.

Customise

Accessibility
 Change the pr

Photos and Video
 Show geo loca
 Allow viewers
 Don't feature r
 Upload my pho

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[Buy more stor](#)
Turning on full

Google Drive

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Choose who to include in "Your circles":

- Friends
- Family
- Acquaintances
- Following
- Book Reviewers
- Authors

Cancel **Save**

Click here.

Think carefully about how widely you want to share your posts, photos and profile data.

Customise "Your circles"

Photos and Videos

- Show geo location by default on newly shared albums. You can change the setting for each album. [Learn more](#)
- Allow viewers to download my photos and videos.
- Don't feature my publicly shared Google+ photos as background images on Google products & services. [Learn more](#)
- Upload my photos at full size.

Storage used: 0.19 GB (1.25%) of 15 GB.
[Buy more storage](#)
Turning on full-size uploads will slow down your uploads.

Google Drive

- Show Drive photos and videos in your photo library [Learn more](#)

Auto-Awesome

- Create amazing new images, movies and stories from your photos and videos. [Learn more](#)

People whose tags of you are automatically approved to be added to the 'Photos of you' section of your profile:

Turn OFF automatic geolocation tagging and download permissions.

Turn ON to prevent Google from using your photos in ads.

Profile

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Show your Google+ communities posts on the Posts tab of your Google+ profile. [Learn more.](#)

Show these profile tabs to visitors (they're always visible to you): [Learn more](#)

Photos

YouTube / Videos

+1

Reviews

Allow people to send you a message from your profile Only you ↕

Help others discover my profile in search results. [Learn more](#)

Unticking this box prevents most search engines from indexing your profile. It does not prevent them from indexing any public posts or comments.

Show how many times your profile and content have been viewed.

*Consider turning all of these options off. Preventing search engine indexing should be set to **OFF**. [Read the small print!](#)*

Location Settings

Location Settings

Enable Location Sharing

Location Sharing allows you to share your current location with people you choose, from Location Reporting on your devices. People you share your location with can see your current location across Google products, including Google+ and Google Now. They can also see your places, such as home and work. [Learn more](#)

*Set Location Sharing to **OFF**.*

Disable Google

Disable Google+

[Delete your entire Google profile here.](#)

Click to delete your Google+ profile. Note that previously indexed search engine results will not be deleted.