



Secure Facebook



Note: all screenshots taken from the Facebook.com site. Mobile apps will have differing features.

General account settings

General

1 First click here...

2 ...then click here...

- Select the user name that other users will see.
- Assign an email address – not your work email!
- Change your password frequently.
- Set 'Language' to 'US English' to exploit all FB search tools.
- **Note;** creating a fake account is a breach of Facebook's T&Cs.

Security: access & edit


Security

1 Click here to access Security

2 Then click to edit each setting

The settings you choose are optional. We show the most important ones on the following pages.

Security: Login alerts

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Security Settings

Login Alerts

Get an alert when anyone logs into your account from a new device or browser.

Notifications

- Get notifications
- Don't get notifications

Email


- Email login alerts to (your email address will appear here)
- Don't get email alerts

Text messages

- Text login alerts to (your mobile number will appear here, if assigned)
- Don't get text alerts

Get notified if someone else logs into your account from a new device or browser.

Security: Login approvals

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Login Approvals

Require a security code to access my account from unknown browsers [?]

You have the option to use mobile number linked to your profile to approve logins from browsers or devices that have not been used before. This is a second layer of security.

Note that some browser settings (e.g. Cookie settings or private browser mode) may prevent you from activating this feature.

Security: Your browsers & apps

 Security

Your Browsers and Apps

You won't get notified or have to confirm your identity when logging in from these devices:

Facebook for iPhone	April 12, 2015 · Remove
Facebook for iPhone	November 29, 2014 · Remove
Firefox on Windows	March 20, 2014 · Remove

*This is a list of the browsers & apps Facebook trusts for your account. Remove any that you DO want to receive Login Alerts for. **No alerts will be raised for browsers or apps left on this list.***

Security: where you're logged in

The screenshot shows the 'Where You're Logged In' interface. At the top, it displays 'Current Session' with 'Location: Unknown' and 'Device Type: Firefox on Windows 7'. Below this is a warning: 'If you notice any unfamiliar devices or locations, click 'End Activity' to end the session.' The main section is titled 'Desktop (1)' and contains a table with session details:

Last Accessed	Location	Device Type	Action
August 7 at 10:43am	Amsterdam, Netherlands (Approximate)	Firefox on Windows 8	End Activity

Below the desktop session, there are sections for 'Facebook for iPhone (1)', 'Messenger (2)', and 'Facebook for iPad (1)'. A 'Close' button is at the bottom left. Annotations include: 1. A box pointing to the top section: 'Review all sessions that Facebook regards as active.' 2. A box pointing to the 'End Activity' link: 'Click to end any active sessions'. 3. A box pointing to the mobile sessions: 'Check your active mobile device and Messenger sessions as well.'

Note that these are normally just sessions you didn't fully log out of. If you do see a suspicious session, investigate it if possible, end it, and then change your password.

Security: deactivate your account

The screenshot shows the 'Deactivate Your Account' page. It contains the following text: 'Deactivating your account will disable your profile and remove your name and photo from most things you've shared on Facebook. Some information may still be visible to others, such as your name in their friends list and messages you sent. [Learn more.](#)' Below this is a link: 'Deactivate your account.' and a 'Close' button. An annotation box points to the 'Deactivate your account.' link with the text: 'Click to temporarily deactivate your account if you need to do so.'

Click to **temporarily** deactivate your account if you need to do so.

Never leave an unwanted and unused account lying dormant. If it is hacked and misused, you might not notice the fact. Such misuse could continue for years in some cases. **To permanently delete an account visit** https://www.facebook.com/help/delete_account

Privacy

1 Make sure that only your friends can see what you have posted.

Privacy Settings and Tools			
Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts?	Friends	Edit
	Review all your posts and things you're tagged in		Use Activity Log
	Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?		Limit Past Posts
Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests?	Friends of Friends	Edit
	Whose messages do I want filtered into my Inbox?	Strict Filtering	Edit
Who can look me up?	Who can look you up using the email address you provided?	Friends	Edit
	Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?	Friends	Edit
	Do you want other search engines to link to your timeline?	No	Edit

2 Limit who can contact you.

3 Limit who can search for you and how.

Timeline & Tagging

1 Make sure that only you can add posts. Approve posts friends tag you in.

Timeline and Tagging Settings			
Who can add things to my timeline?	Who can post on your timeline?	Only Me	Edit
	Review posts friends tag you in before they appear on your timeline?	On	Edit
Who can see things on my timeline?	Review what other people see on your timeline		View As
	Who can see posts you've been tagged in on your timeline?	Only Me	Edit
	Who can see what others post on your timeline?	Only Me	Edit
How can I manage tags people add and tagging suggestions?	Review tags people add to your own posts before the tags appear on Facebook?	On	Edit
	When you're tagged in a post, who do you want to add to the audience if they aren't already in it?	Only Me	Edit

2 Limit who can see your timeline.

3 Review and manage tags posted by others that mention you.

