What not to share

Using social media can be a very rewarding experience. But there are some rules you need to think about before you join.

- ✓ Don't share anything you wouldn't want anyone to find
- ✓ Don't share publically any details that could be used as security details (mother's maiden name, full date of birth etc.)
- ✓ Don't share photos or details of other people unless you know they are happy for you to do it
- ✓ Don't say anything that might be illegal to say, including
    - o Anything about court cases that are running
    - o Anything racist, violent or highly offensive
- ✓ Don't say anything you might regret in years to come (you may change your opinion or not want your views known)

You are not anonymous

However well you might think you have covered your tracks, you have not. Police and Security Services have even managed to break some of the most encrypted parts of the internet, so do not rely on anonymity to protect you at any time.

Privacy Settings

Most social media sites have privacy settings. It's worth looking carefully at what is shown publically and what you can protect. If you have a protected account, you might choose to share more things. Be aware, however, that everything is stored and could be found by someone malicious or by the security services.