

GRADE 9 | SOCIAL
DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Activity Statements:

What does the internet say about you? Did you know that you leave a digital foot print behind every time you use the internet?

Activity: Read the attached Internet Safety Handout.

Option 1: Students can look up their names on the internet to see what it says about them.

Option 2: Discuss questions below.

Discussion:

Why should you care if there is information about you online?

What things can you do to manage your reputation online?

Who might want to look at your digital footprint?

INTERNET SAFETY HAND OUT

Microsoft Safety & Security Center

Your information on the Internet: What you need to know

Information is the currency of the Internet. Following are some of the ways that your personal information gets online.

How your information gets on the Internet

Businesses, governments, and other organizations gather data when you:

- Set up an online account
- Make a purchase in an online store
- Register for a contest
- Take part in a survey
- Download free software
- Surf the web

Businesses use this information to help complete a transaction, remember your preferences, deliver personalized content or special offers, or save you time.

Transactions such as signing up for a service or buying something are linked to you—for example, by a shipping address or credit card number. But in most cases, businesses generally collect data that does not identify you by name. Sites track which web pages you visit and the clicks of your mouse, but not you personally.

Personal details about you may be also online because you may have added your own information in resumes, chats, pages on social sites like Facebook, or comments in discussion groups or on Twitter.

Others may have published information about you. Friends may write about you or post photos of you and your family. Records of government agencies are searchable—for example, photos of your house and its value, your birth certificate, and copies of your signature. Church groups, clubs, and professional associations may reveal your full name, workplace, and donation history.