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Online communities like Facebook and MySpace are a great way to meet new people and stay in touch with old friends. But, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- **Posts are not private.**

The World Wide Web is just that: *world-wide*. Even though access to your online profile can be restricted to certain groups or communities, those groups are often larger than you think. And it's always possible for the information you post to be shared with others outside those groups.

- **Posts are not anonymous.**

Obviously, posting your name, e-mail address and phone number makes it easy to track you down. But, even if you sign posts anonymously, clues in your profile can help to identify you. You could even be found through your computer's IP address.

- **Posts are not temporary.**

You can delete information from your profile or even remove it altogether, but the information still exists on other people's computers and in the files of organizations that archive Web sites. Also, check your online community's terms of agreement. You may find that the community owns your posts and can use them in promotions and advertisements long after you've removed them from your profile.

- **Posts are subject to the rules of the online communities.**

Online communities usually prohibit users from posting harmful content, including offensive language and photos, threatening text and illegal activity. Understand that laws enforced offline can be enforced online, too.

Have fun, but be smart! Use online communities to get to know people in your classes and your residence hall. Form study groups and learn about student organizations and campus events. Know what you're getting into, and check out the following tips when you're setting up your online profile.



Information

Account Info

Name: Cocky
Networks: South Carolina

Last update: August 19, 2006

Basic Info

Birthday:
Hometown:

Contact Info

Email:

Personal Info

Favorite Music:
Favorite Movies:
Favorite Books:

Favorite Quotes:

Education Info

College: South Carolina

Keep it like a secret

Limit information that can be used to identify you. Consider listing your city, but not your address. List your birthday month and date, but not the year.

A History of the University of South Carolina, 1940 - 2000
Emollit mores nec sinit esse ferus.
(Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel.)

Flatter yourself

Post pictures you'd be proud to show to **anyone** -- your friends, parents, grandparents, professors, your future employers and even the police.

Show some respect

Using threatening or offensive language not only makes you look bad, it can be a crime. So be considerate and use common sense when posting.

Groups

South Carolina Natives • We Love Cocky! • GAMMA • I Love Carolina • Carolina Service Council • Association of African American Students • Katrina Broke It Carolina Fixed It • I Love Dance Marathon • The Large Until There's a Cure • South Carolina • Honors College • Gamecocks for Gamecock Club • Chicken Finger V

Join the right crowd

Think about what the groups you join say about you.

The Wall



Uga wrote

Hey, Cocky! See you in September!



SI Leaders Rock! wrote

Welcome back, Cocky! Don't forget that SI sessions begin August 24. We'll see you there!