How cool is it to be able to share with your best friends up to the minute pictures of the most amazing slope you just boarded down, or the white beach sand your toes are buried in? But as you’re submitting your information on your mobile upload, are you considering who else can see this information and how it could harm you?

Social networking sites can put your personal information, property, and safety at risk! You can have your identity stolen, your credit card number stolen, your home robbed, your PC infected with malware, and your reputation ruined. Protect yourself!

Edit your privacy settings to the strongest security available > Use a strong password > Use different passwords for different accounts > Change your password often > Don’t post anything online you wouldn’t publish in the newspaper > Remember that current and future employers, spouses, family members, and friends may see what you’ve posted! > Allow limited access to your information…being popular online leads to less security for you!

Sites like Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, and blogs are a positive way to keep in touch with past or current friends as well as family members when security remains a focus. However, when security is ignored, you may quickly risk your personal safety, your financial well-being, the security of your home and belongings, and infecting your PC with malware and spyware.

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