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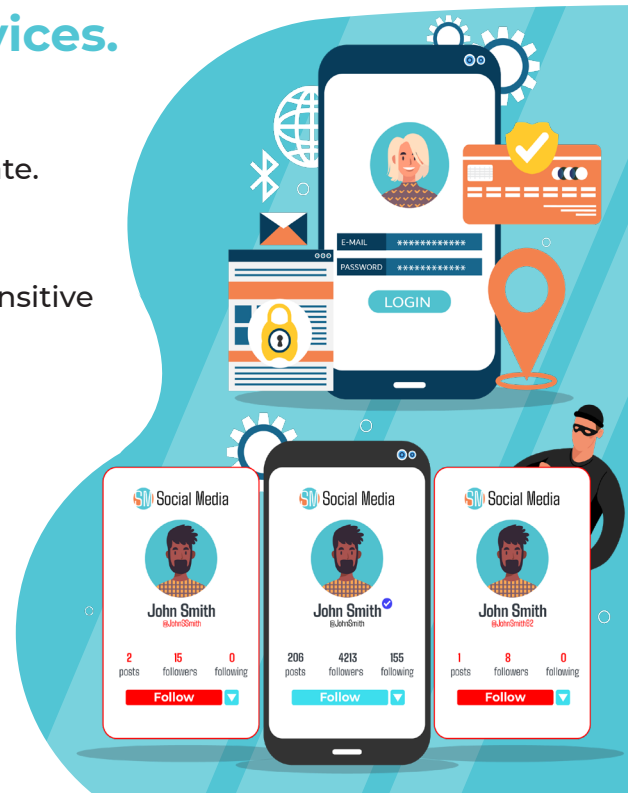
# Security Tips for Personal Social Media Account Use



**Social media accounts** allow people to connect and interact with one another. But without adequate safety measures, the risk of hackers accessing personal and confidential information arises. By educating individuals on suspicious behaviour signs, what information to avoid sharing, and prevention methods, social media security helps protect both users and their data.

## Secure the data on your mobile devices.

- ✔ Log out from all social network apps when not in use.
- ✔ Keep your phone and tablet operating systems up to date.
- ✔ Disable Bluetooth when not needed.
- ✔ Only use trusted public Wi-Fi networks, avoiding any sensitive tasks like banking.



## Beware of fake profiles.

The number of fake profiles, often mimicking accounts of DND and CAF senior leaders, has increased. These accounts use similar images, updates, and account names to gain credibility, personal information, or disseminate misinformation. Before interacting online, verify accounts, and closely inspect social media handles (avoid those with extra characters or slight spelling changes).

## Privacy settings on social media networks.



- ✔ Get to know the privacy settings for each of your social media accounts.
- ✔ Check to see who can see your posts.
- ✔ Keep your main profile page free of personal information.
- ✔ Be mindful that photos depicting your trips and locations can reveal your whereabouts.
- ✔ Restrict third-party app access.

To further guard against **suspicious behaviour**, only accept friend requests from known individuals.



Due to significant privacy and security risks, **TikTok** is blocked and cannot be downloaded on government-issued mobile devices.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Official Government of Canada social media accounts can be found in the Canada.ca gallery

 [Social Media - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca)