

## Post-to-be Private



### Overview

Students watch “Post-to-be Private” to understand the importance of protecting their personal information on the Internet. In groups, they evaluate examples of things they might post online and decide what is okay to post and what is not okay to post. Together, students discuss ways to better protect themselves on the Internet.



### Materials / Preparation

- Video - “Post-to-be Private”
- Attachment 1 - Copies of “Things You Might Post Online”
- Computer lab or computer connected to an LCD projector



20 minutes



### Introduction

Begin by asking students about the kinds of things they post online. *What are some of the things you talk about with your friends online? If you have a profile, what kind of personal information do you*

*have on it? Who is on your friends list? Have your parents seen your page? What are some of your screennames?*



### Activity

Watch the NSTeens video, “Post-to-be Private.” Then, discuss what happened in the video: *What information about Allie does Slick find on her profile? What would you do differently if you were in Allie’s situation? How can Allie better protect herself online in the future?*

Divide the students into groups of three or four. Give each student a copy of the attachment. Have

students draw an “X” next to anything that is not okay to post online and discuss why it is inappropriate to post. Reconvene the class and ask groups to share their answers. Have students suggest ways they can avoid these mistakes and maintain their privacy on the Internet.



### Follow-Up

Ask students to go home and review their profiles, IM screennames, e-mail addresses, and anything else they post online. *Are you sharing too much personal information with others online? What can you do to better protect yourself?* Encourage them to

evaluate their pages with the help of their parents or guardians to ensure that their personal information remains private and that they do not have any inappropriate information available for others to see.



### Things You Might Post Online

Draw an “X” next to the things that are not okay to post online, like the example below. Then discuss why they are inappropriate to post. Look for anything that might reveal who you are or where you live.

#### Screennames and E-mail Addresses

**KatieBell\_10** – This screenname reveals her full name and age. That’s too much personal information to put online.

b@seball\_jok

jk489

Maria\_in\_NYC

#### Personal Information

First name

First and last name

Home phone number

Cell phone number

School name

Your address

#### Comments

Discussing your favorite book on a message board.

Telling someone in a chat room where you go to school.

IMing your friend about a movie you saw.

Posting a description of your dog on your profile.

Sharing your e-mail password with your friend.