

CONCERNED PARENTS

In today's world teens have access to many different avenues for connecting with people around the globe. One of the premier tools is called MySpace. This lifestyle portal connects friends and helps to discover popular culture, by integrating web profiles, blogs, instant messaging, e-mail, music streaming, music videos, photo galleries, classified listings, events, groups, college communities and member forums. MySpace has created a connected community. MySpace is the most widely-used and highly regarded site of its kind. There is more than a 100 million members. MySpace is committed to providing the highest quality member experience and will continue to innovate with new features that allow its members to express their creativity and share their lives, both online and off.

MySpace allows users to set up their own profile pages, which can include lists of their favorite musicians, books, and movies, photos of themselves and others, and links to pages within and outside the MySpace environment. Creating a profile is a common practice; 61% of teenagers have a personal profile on a social networking site. To ensure the content is appropriate, MySpace posts a Privacy Policy and Terms of Use Agreement which is accessible from every page on its site. Taken together, these policies establish rules concerning the type of material and activities MySpace permits on their website. MySpace also has team of employees assigned to enforce these policies and handle their inquiries.

As parents you may have concerns about your teen using MySpace. Parents can contact MySpace with questions and concerns by clicking on "Contact MySpace", located at the bottom of every page on MySpace.com, and following the directions. Parents may click on "Parent Safety Tips", located at the bottom of every page on MySpace.com, or at the following address: www.myspace.com/Modules/Common/Pages/SafetyTips.aspx#.

These safety tips are specifically designed for parents. MySpace.com also provides parents with step-by-step instructions detailing how to remove their teens profile from MySpace.com, and links to free software that enable parents to monitor or block their teens use of the Internet, including blocking MySpace.com. MySpace.com links the following other helpful resources on Internet safety in the "Safety Tips", and/or "Tips for Parents" section.

- Netsmartz.org
- Safeteen.com
- WebWiseKids.org
- BlogSafety.com
- www.myspace.com/CommonSenseMedia
- WiedSafety.org
- GetNetWise.org
- Csn.org

