



What is MySpace?

MySpace is a social networking site. It is designed to be an easy way for users to communicate with each other and to “hang out” online. Some users are looking to communicate with friends online, some use it to reconnect with old acquaintances and some use MySpace to meet new people, and possibly pursue a face to face relationship.

What do I need to know about MySpace?

The minimum age to be a member of MySpace is 13 years old. When creating an account, users must agree to the terms and conditions of the site, which includes that they are at least 13 years old. If you know of a MySpace user who is younger than 13, you can report them to MySpace or if you are a parent and would like to remove your child’s profile from MySpace, follow the FAQ link at the bottom of each page of MySpace.com.

Are there any safety issues concerning MySpace?

Yes. MySpace is a public web site. Information and images on the site can be viewed by users all around the world. Users who post personal information on their profile may be providing enough information for others to figure out who they are and where they are located, which can jeopardize their safety as well as the safety of their friends and family. As with other areas of the Internet, users should not be disclosing personal information on MySpace. Additionally, some MySpace users are meeting new people online and arranging to meet these individuals in person, a very dangerous practice. Just as it is possible for younger users to misrepresent themselves as being older than they actually are, older users can also represent themselves as being younger. Users may not be who they claim to be.

At the bottom of each page, MySpace has a link to Safety Tips for users, which also allows parents to access information specifically for them.