

Know the signs...

Twitter - Privacy Guide

Twitter has two privacy settings:

Public Tweets: Tweets and profile are visible to everyone, even if they don't have a Twitter account.

Private Tweets: These can only be seen by approved Twitter followers and also means:

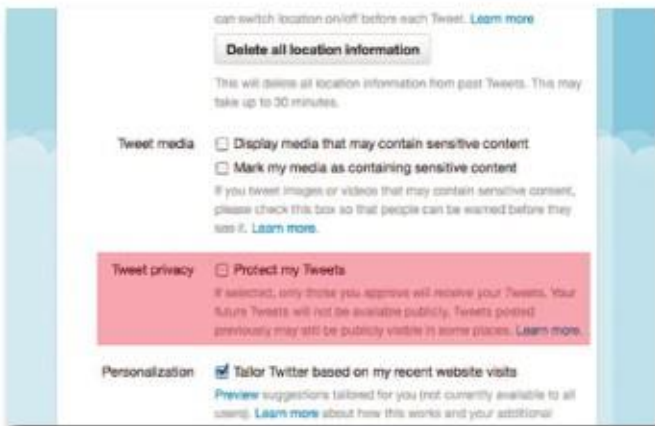
- You allow people to follow you and only they can see your tweets
- Other people cannot retweet your protected tweets
- Protected tweets will not show up in Twitter search or search engines

Check your settings

To make your account private or public go to the tool icon and select Settings.



Find 'Tweet Privacy' and check 'Protect my Tweets' if you want your account to be private or uncheck if you want it to be public (default).



How to link with friends by email address or phone number

Twitter can link to your existing contacts and may suggest that you show your public profile to others who already have your email address or phone number so they can follow you.

- 'Find Friends' is another way to link up with people you know if you import your contacts to Twitter.
- The 'Who to Follow' section is a suggested account to follow, or on third-party services that have integrated Twitter e.g. you send an email to someone with integrated Twitter and they may see your Twitter profile and, if they follow you, your recent Tweets.

How to turn this off:

1. Go to your Security and privacy settings page
2. Uncheck the email address box next to the Discoverability section
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click save changes

If you have your phone number added to your Twitter account, you can turn off the setting that allows others to find you by that phone number through the mobile settings page. Under your phone number, just uncheck the box that says let others find me by my phone number.

Know the Signs

Child sexual exploitation can take place over the internet, and can lead to other 'off line' types of CSE.

Even something that seems like normal teenage behaviour could be a sign that a child is being exploited.

These can include:

- Increasing or secretive mobile phone use
- Excessive amount of time online & being secretive about time online
- A significantly older 'boyfriend' or 'friend' or lots of new friends
- Change in behaviour - becoming aggressive & disruptive or quiet & withdrawn
- Unexplained gifts or new possessions such as clothes, jewellery, mobile phones or money that can't be accounted for
- Regularly missing from home or school and staying out all night

If you have concerns about a child you know report it to Bedfordshire Police by calling 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired people can use textphone 18001 101.

You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

