

Potential Risks and Recommendations for Privacy Online

Whenever a person utilizes an online platform, the person should be aware that they are exposing themselves to all persons that have an internet connection. Unfortunately, not all online users have to the same goals of usage that you may and may prey on people or attempt to manipulate people. To ensure your safety and guard your privacy, please consider the following precautions:

1. You can protect your privacy by not offering personal details about yourself (your home address, email address, phone number, social media names, birthday etc.). These items are the basics for stealing someone's identity.
2. Guard yourself from people that ask for your bank account information no matter what the reason. The same goes for your social security number, passwords or credit card numbers!
3. Do not send photos to a stranger. Innocent photos of you, your family or even your pet can contain location information that you may be unaware that you are sharing. Often times predators gain access to your valuable personal information through information that they can glean through your photos.
4. Consider your screen names carefully. A suggestive or playful name might have seemed like a good idea but may not be the safest choice. Consider an online name that doesn't inadvertently share more than you want (for example, your full name with middle initial, your location, your nickname etc.)
5. Trust your instincts! If you feel uncomfortable for any reason, end the call/chat.
On the Mixxer site specifically, there is a link on every profile page to mark the user for abuse, offensive behavior and spam. The link in turn sends Todd Bryant, the creator on the Mixxer site an email.