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# Informing Users

*Bringing awareness to people who use social networking Web sites, and encouraging their responsible use.*

## Stanford Teaches Parents about Facebook

Many universities and colleges are helping parents be aware of Facebook. Stanford University will help parents learn about Facebook. The university will have a course called, "Facebook for Parents," to have Stanford students tutor parents on Facebook. The tutor sessions will discuss topics on how to protect the ones you care about, how to use Facebook and other features that are useful tools for Facebook members.

The course has four lectures and lab sessions. This type of course is directed toward parents who have children under the age of 18. Also, the sessions about Facebook will help build relationships between parents and children.



## Benefits of Social Networking

- Reconnect with old classmates
- Communicate with co-workers from a different part of the region
- Chat with your family and friends
- Find jobs using social networking sites
- Meet new friends

## Information About Students for Responsible Use of Facebook

This is an advocacy group to protect and inform people who go on social networking sites, in specific Facebook. Anyone who uses these sites must be aware and be cautious of what they put on their profile in order to protect their privacy.

### Jessica Answers Readers



Dear Jessica,

I am so pleased with the newsletter on social networking Web sites. It has helped me be safe on Facebook and MySpace. I want to join an advocacy group, but I don't know what one to choose from. Do you have any suggestions? Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,

Betty

Dear Betty,

I believe any advocacy group is great. However I like the Staysafe advocacy group. Go to [www.staysafe.org](http://www.staysafe.org). They give a lot of information on social networking sites. Good luck!

Jessica

## Social Networking Sites and Users' Privacy

Social networking sites have privacy settings for the user. A user on a specific social networking site can select what other users can look at on the user's profile. Social networking sites strive to keep users safe as much as possible. However, users can put any kind of information they want on their profile, which can interrupt a user's privacy. If a user puts a lot of personal information on the social networking site it, won't be kept private.

Throughout the United States, many schools are teaching students how to keep their privacy safe on the social networking Web sites. Some schools also provide training on how to safely use social networking sites. Schools discuss with students to not put too much information on your social networking site that includes their address, phone number, e-mail address, etc. Before a person signs up for a social networking site like Facebook or MySpace, they should read the privacy statement carefully.

## Sex Offenders Removed from Social Networking Sites

MySpace has removed sex offenders off their Web site since the number of sex offenders from that site has doubled in the past year. The reason why they removed the sex offenders from the Web site was to make it safer for younger members.

Facebook is also taking action to remove sex offenders from their Web site. For example, both Web sites are using safeguards like knowing the persons age, out casting registered sex offenders, and

not having an older member become a friend to a member who is younger than 18.

Both the social sites are trying hard to keep predators away from young children and teenagers.



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### Organizations to Keep Users Safe

#### Federal Trade Commission

[www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov)

1-877-FTC-HELP

#### ConnectSafely

[www.connectsafely.org](http://www.connectsafely.org)

#### Cyberbully411

[www.cyberbully411.org](http://www.cyberbully411.org)

#### GetNetWise

[www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org)

#### Internet Keep Safe Coalition

[www.iKeepSafe.org](http://www.iKeepSafe.org)

#### Staysafe

[www.staysafe](http://www.staysafe)

#### Wired Safety

[www.wiredsafety.org](http://www.wiredsafety.org)

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## Students for Responsible Use of Facebook



### Organization

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Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com

**Your business tag line here.**

We're on the Web!

example.com

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