Social Media: Terms and Conditions (What does the fine print say?)

We all love our social media applications but rarely do we read the terms and conditions of the service. Do you really know what rights and access to information you have given up? Let’s take a look...

Facebook

Facebook recently updated its terms and conditions in 2015 and among those updates were the kinds of information they collect from users including:

- Things you do and information they provide
- Things others do and information they provide
- Your networks and connections
- Information about payments
- Device information (this includes access to your location, Bluetooth, WiFi signals, file and software information)
- Information from other websites and apps that you use
- Information from third-party partners

- Agreeing with the terms of Facebook you own all your content and information, you give permission to Facebook of how and what is to be shared.
- Facebook requires all applications to respect your privacy, and your agreement with the application will control how it can use, store and transfer the content and information. Facebook is not liable for access you give to other applications through your Facebook.
- If your account is deactivated or deleted Facebook still has a valid license if, your content has been shared with others, and they have not deleted it.
- Facebook collects information from devices that you access their services through, depending on the permission you’ve granted.

For more information on Facebook Terms of use check out:

https://www.facebook.com/terms
https://www.facebook.com/about/privacy/

Instagram

- Unlike Facebook, Instagram ends all licenses and other rights granted upon deactivation or deletion of your account. Instagram will not be responsible for any content or information posted on or through their service, so please use at your own risk. Instagram does not claim ownership of any content that users post on or through the service.
- Instagram gives you the choice of who can view your content and activities, and your photos. However you grant Instagram access to the content that is posted on or through their service with respect to the services privacy policy.
- If using mobile devices (Smartphone’s or tablets) Instagram service can access, collect, monitor, store on your device, or remotely store one or more data files that can help to identify your mobile device.
- Instagram collects information sent by your device, including web pages visited and other information that will help them improve their services. This information is used to help Instagram or others to provide reports or personalized content and ads.

For more information on Instagram Terms of use visit - https://help.instagram.com/478745558852511
Snapchat

Snapchat lets you upload, post, send, receive and store content that you retain ownership rights to, but you grant Snapchat a license to use the content based on the privacy setting you have selected.

- Snapchat collects information about what services you have used and how you use it, and about your activity through their services. Including information about the device (including the mobile phone number) you connected to their services with. With your consent they can access your phonebook, location, camera, and photos.
- Snapchat collects information from other users who have shared or provided about you.

For more information on Snapchat Terms of use visit - https://www.snapchat.com/terms

Are you legal?

Many young people and parents are unaware of the legal ages to safely use these apps. Here is some helpful information:

13 Years
Facebook
Instagram
Snapchat
Pinterest
Tumblr
Twitter
Reddit
Music.ly
*with parents permission

14 Years
Linkedin

16 Years
Whatsapp

17 Years
Youtube
Keek
Kik
Flickr
WeChat
Foursquare

The internet can be safe and fun as long as you use it wisely. Do not post pictures and personal information that wouldn’t be appropriate for your parents or grandparents to see. Pictures, videos or personal information that you post online can never be taken back. Remember that once something is on the internet it is out there for others to access.

For more information visit: www.cybertips.bm