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## **PROJECT:** **BOASTING** **AND POSTING** **ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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*Many parents want to post the very first schooldays of their child, or the brand-new luxury vehicle or the dream holiday.*

*However there are several reasons why some parents choose not to post photos of their children, homes, or luxury vehicles on social media, and these concerns generally revolve around privacy, safety, and security.*

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## **KEY REASONS NOT TO BOAST/POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA:**

- **Privacy and Consent:**
  - Children have a right to privacy, and posting their photos without their consent infringes upon that right.
  - As they grow older, they might not appreciate having their childhood moments shared publicly.
  - Parents should be mindful of their children's digital footprint and give them the autonomy to decide what they want to share online when they are old enough.
- **Online Safety:**
  - Posting pictures of children on social media may expose them to potential risks.
  - Predators can use publicly available information to identify and target children.
  - There is a risk of unintended audiences viewing these photos, especially if privacy settings are not configured correctly.
- **Home Security:**
  - Sharing images of the interior or exterior of your home may provide potential burglars with valuable information about your living arrangements.
  - Posting pictures of high-value items, such as luxury vehicles, may make your family a target for theft.
- **Digital Kidnapping:**
  - There have been cases of individuals taking photos of other people's children from social media and creating false identities or narratives.
  - This is known as "digital kidnapping."
  - These images might be misused or reposted without permission, leading to potential emotional distress for the families involved.
- **Identity Theft:**
  - Sharing personal information about your family, including names, birthdates, and locations, could potentially be used by identity thieves to commit fraud or other malicious activities.
- **Maintaining Control:**
  - Once something is posted online, it is challenging to control its distribution.
  - Even if you have privacy settings, there is always a risk that images can be copied, saved, and shared without your knowledge or consent.
- **Future Implications:**
  - Children may feel uncomfortable or violated when they discover that their childhood moments were shared online without their say.

- This could strain the parent-child relationship in the future.

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*While these concerns do not apply universally, as some families choose to share their lives online responsibly, it is essential for parents to be aware of the potential risks and make informed decisions about what they share on social media.*

*Implementing strict privacy settings, being mindful of the content shared, and respecting the privacy of children are crucial considerations in this digital age.*

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## **SAFETY MEASURES:**

Safeguarding your social media profile is crucial to protect your privacy, personal information, and online reputation.

Here are some measures to help you secure your social media accounts:

- Use Strong Passwords:
  - Create strong, unique passwords for each of your social media accounts.
  - Use a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols, and avoid easily guessable information like birthdays or names.
- Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):
  - Turn on two-factor authentication wherever possible.
  - This adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second verification step, such as a code sent to your phone or email, in addition to your password.
- Review and Adjust Privacy Settings:
  - Regularly review and update your privacy settings on each social media platform.
  - Adjust who can see your posts, who can send you friend requests, and who can look you up.

- Be Selective with Friend Requests:
    - Only accept friend or connection requests from people you know and trust.
    - Be cautious about adding strangers, even if they seem to have mutual friends.
  - Think Before You Share:
    - Be mindful of the content you share.
    - Avoid posting sensitive or personally identifiable information, such as your address, phone number, or financial details.
  - Regularly Update and Monitor:
    - Keep your social media apps and devices up to date with the latest security patches and updates.
    - Regularly check your account activity for any suspicious logins or activities.
  - Review Third-Party App Permissions:
    - Periodically review and revoke access for third-party applications that are connected to your social media accounts.
    - Only grant access to apps and services you trust.
  - Educate Yourself about Scams:
    - Stay informed about common social media scams and phishing attempts.
    - Be sceptical of unsolicited messages or requests for personal information.
  - Use a Separate Email Address:
    - Consider using a dedicated email address for your social media accounts.
    - This can help compartmentalise your online presence and reduce the risk of a security breach affecting multiple accounts.
  - Manage Tags and Mentions:
    - Adjust settings to control who can tag you in posts and photos.
    - Monitor and manage tagged content to ensure it aligns with your preferences and privacy concerns.
  - Regularly Audit Your Friends/Connections:
    - Periodically review your friends or connections list and remove individuals you no longer want to have access to your information.
  - Report Suspicious Activity:
    - If you notice any suspicious activity or if your account is compromised, report it to the respective social media platform immediately.
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*By implementing these practices, you can enhance the security of your social media profiles and reduce the risk of unauthorised access or misuse of your personal information.*

*It is essential to stay vigilant and proactive in managing your online presence.*

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