

Digital Footprint – Lesson One

Grade Level: 9-12

Duration: One 15 minute session

Description: This program is designed to help students who are using the Internet to identify and avoid situations that could threaten their safety.

Content Outline:

1. Read the following to students:

Based on the Look Both Ways website at <http://look2ways.com/education/lessons.htm#>

Today we'll look at how people find and use information you place online. How many of you have a social networking page? What services do you use (for example MySpace, Bebo, Zanga, or Facebook)? What kinds of information would I find if I went to your page?

Unlike your grandparents and parents when they were growing up, your generation is creating a written record of your lives online. Some information you are posting online, other information is put online by your friends, family, school, and the government. Sharing information about yourself is fun, like when you post pictures on a social networking or social journaling site, or send text through IM. But it's important that you understand who is looking at and using that information so you can make good choices.

In this lesson you consider what information might be online that you may not know about, and understand how someone could use that information. Once you to understand how people might view your information, you can stay safer.

2. From the <http://look2ways.com/education/lessons.htm#> website watch the Online, You Are Not As Anonymous As You Think video.