



Be Your Best Self Online: A Cyberethics Checklist

In today's digital world, young people have limitless opportunities to create, connect, and share their lives. Technology is powerful, which is why it's important for them to understand the responsibility required to use it well. This checklist is designed to help users think about their online behavior and be their best selves, today and in the future.

Perspective

- Create your social media presence in a way that maintains a positive digital reputation.
- Use your accounts for good by lifting others up with what you post, share, or comment.
- Exercise media literacy skills; research and think critically before sharing content.

Piracy

- Don't download or share pirated content online as it may be illegal.
- Respect intellectual property. Always pay for digital and streaming content such as music, games, movies, and software.
- Keep your personal and financial information safe by purchasing content only through secure, reputable platforms and services.

Plagiarism

- Avoid presenting others' words, ideas, or creations as your own.
- Learn how to properly cite and source information found online.
- Remember that attributing credit is not limited to academics. It also applies to original creative or artistic works.

Harassment

- Don't be a cyberbully or a troll. Never post or share offensive, negative or cruel messages.
- Take digital citizenship seriously and always report harmful or abusive behavior.
- Speak up if you see someone else being affected, and check on friends both online and offline.