



# PRIVACY SETTINGS AND PARENTAL CONTROL

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# Privacy settings – Definition



**Privacy settings** are the parameters of your account in different services which determine whether or not others can access your account.

Privacy settings depend on what you want to reveal. Do not rely on what “everyone says”. Use your own judgment and sense of modesty. Remember your profile is your “online territory” and you set the rules.

# Parental controls – Definition



**Parental controls** are the settings parents can adjust to manage the way their children use computers and services. Parental controls can also be used on school computers to stay in control of the way the school computers are used.

# Privacy settings and parental controls – why?



**IMPORTANT!** Even very young children use mobiles and PC's. Sometimes we are quite confident they wouldn't be able to use it without our help so we do not set passwords, we do not adjust parental controls and in general – we do not even switch off the devices when leaving them unattended... This is the biggest mistake ever! One day we might discover we underestimated our child's abilities and come across our offspring playing with our smartphone or laptop. To avoid such situations it's much better to protect the devices and only allow as much access as we want.

# Privacy settings and parental controls – basic terms



**Password** – a unique code we use to access services. Should be “strong” (difficult to guess for others.)

**Personal information** – information about ourselves and our life that should be protected from unauthorized use.

**Motion picture rating system** – designed to classify films with regard to suitability for audiences in terms of issues such as sex, violence, substance abuse, profanity, impudence or other types of mature content.

# Motion picture rating system – Useful guidelines



There are 5 categories: G, PG, PG-13, R and NC-17.

**Know these symbols, protect your child**



# Parental controls and privacy settings – what can we do?



- Adjust them before your child accesses the internet
- Monitor them constantly
- Make children aware of the importance of protecting your information
- Explain to children why we don't want them to access certain services or content
- General rule – remember you are in a public space!

# What to say to kids to make them accept the parental controls?



- Show them you love them!
- Don't implement the settings by force!
- Convince them!



# Who is responsible for adjusting and monitoring parental controls & privacy settings?



In general the answer is parents and other adults in the family, but also teachers and IT support

# Privacy settings and parental controls

## - What have we learned in this lecture?



- What are privacy settings?
- What are parental controls?
- What can we do?
- What kind of data do we call personal?
- How should we talk to children about setting parental controls and other settings?



# Thank you

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