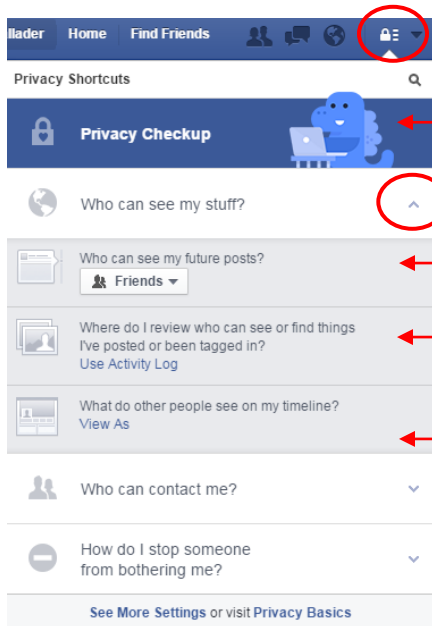# Facebook: security and settings

Privacy Basics

- Friend people you know
- Set privacy settings to public/friends based on your preference
- Have a strong password that's different from other passwords
- Beware of downloading content from other sites and places you don't know or trust
- Tour Privacy Basics here: https://www.facebook.com/about/basics/
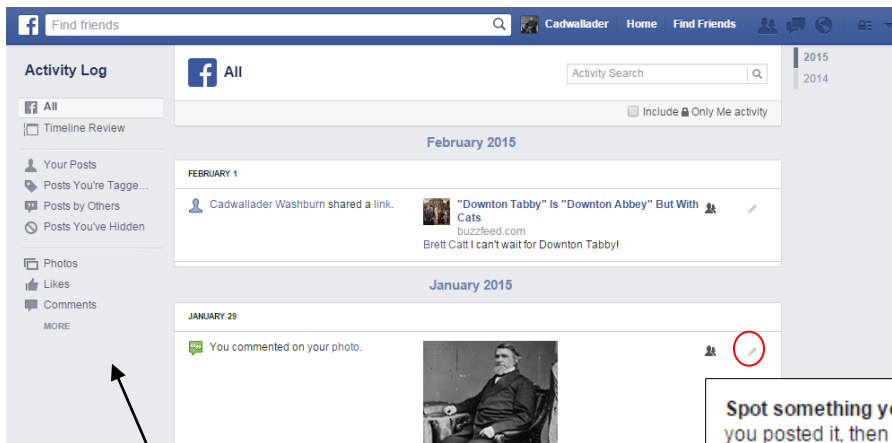
Who Can See My Stuff?

Privacy checkup has a "profile" section to quickly adjust who can see your cell phone number, birthdate, and more.

Set up who can see your posts by default

(see below)

Click here and then click "View As" to see how others see your timeline
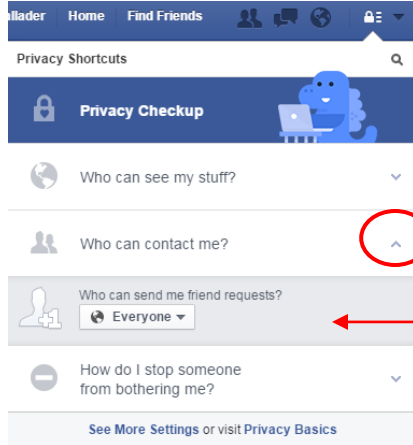
Activity Log

Click around your activity log to see photos you're tagged in and other stuff that may appear in news feed, search and other places on Facebook.
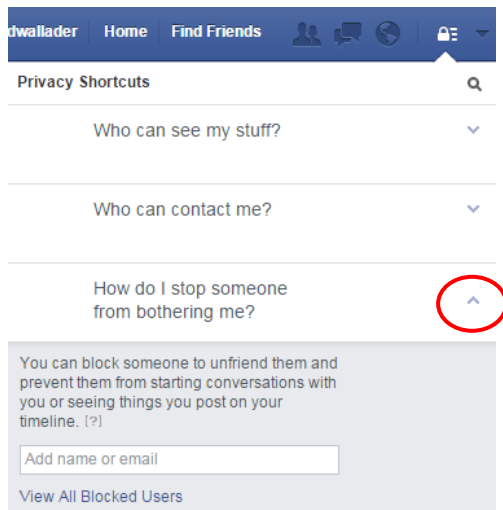
Spot something you don't want on Facebook? If you posted it, then click the ✏ and select Delete. If the post belongs to someone else, select Report/Remove Tag.
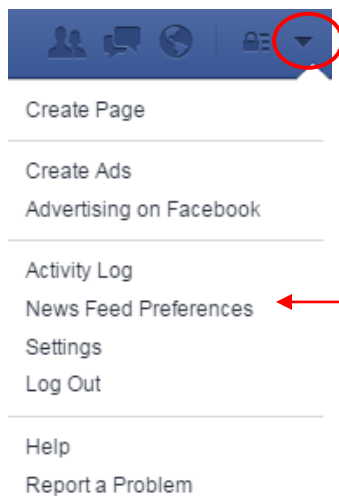
Who Can Contact Me?

Choose whether everyone can send you friend requests or just friends of friends.

How Do I Stop Someone from Bothering Me?

News Feed Preferences

Customize your News Feed (whose posts you see first, unfollow people, and more)

Settings

The treasure trove of privacy settings!!!
Some highlights:
Security – Legacy Contact (who handles account after you pass away)
Security – Deactivate Account
Privacy – Contact Info – Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?
Timeline and Tagging – Who can add things to my timeline? – Review posts friends tag you in before they appear on your timeline
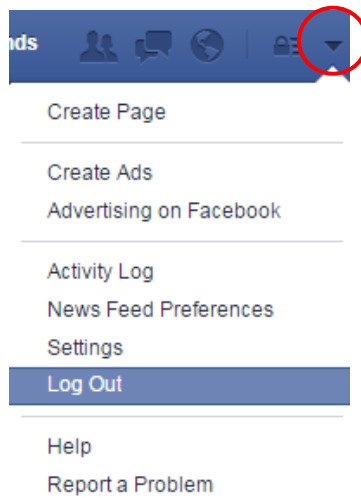Blocking – Block users, messages, app invites
Notifications – Email (how often you want to get emails from Facebook)
Apps – Apps Others Use (stop friends' apps from seeing your info)
Ads – manage ads you see and who can see your social actions paired with ads

Log Out

Make sure to log out when you aren't using your own computer.

Deactivating your account vs. Deleting it

https://www.facebook.com/help   Click on "Manage Your Account" then "Deactivating & Deleting Accounts"

Deactivating your account means your profile is no longer visible to anyone and people can't search for you. You can always reactivate your account later, and all your information will still be there.

Deleting your account means it is being permanently deleted, and you can never retrieve that content. Before deleting your account, consider downloading a copy of your Facebook data from Settings – General – Download a copy of your Facebook data.

To deactivate your account, go to Settings - Security - Deactivate your account link at the bottom.
To delete your account, go to https://www.facebook.com/help/delete_account

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