



Protect Yourself

Student Handout

Name(s)

Class

Date

People share information on social networking, gaming, and video-sharing websites. The people you share your information with could be your friends next door, or people you don't know who live on the other side of the world. Sharing your private identity information can put you at risk for identity theft. Each time you share information about yourself online, stop and think: "Am I giving out information that I should keep private?"

Directions

Decide whether each kind of information is **personal information** that is safe to share or **private information** that you should never share without the permission of a parent, guardian, or teacher. Draw lines matching each type of information to the correct category.

Personal Information

Full name (first and last)

Age

Postal address

Email address

Date of birth

Gender

Private Information

How many brothers and sisters you have

Favorite band

Phone numbers

Credit card numbers

Favorite food

Calling card numbers

The name of your pet

Mother's maiden name

Social Security number

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