



“A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY”

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100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

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Social Media Tips for Grown-ups.

Many of you constantly warn your children to practice safe computing while on the Internet. But then it seems like you feel that the same rules don't apply to you. Sometimes it seems like there's a double standard. Children shouldn't do one thing but it's okay for adults. For example, you make your kids wear a helmet when riding their bikes then you ignore this same safety precaution. Unfortunately all it takes are a few FaceBook friends or Twitter followers to see that safety lapses easily occur in social media. Most users operate with a denial complex. "No one is going to pick me as a victim." "Let someone try to get me. I can take care of myself." "I only allow close friends and relatives into my social media site." For some unknown reason a lot of us feel we are untouchable. Perhaps we've never been a victim or had property stolen in the past. So why should anything change now? Instead we cheerfully provide all sorts of personal and potentially dangerous information about ourselves:

- List our street address, city, state, and Zip code in our social media profile. List our employer, job title, and even work schedule (accidentally by posting just before leaving for work and again right after returning). Post pictures of our home on social media sites. Post pictures of our possessions. Posting times when the home will be vacant—going on vacation, going to a movie, sporting event, or night on the town.

While limiting access to close friends and relatives may seem safe, we can't be certain that one of those friends or relatives didn't decide to "share" the information by reposting it to their friends and relatives? Many people falsely believe that a criminal will not go through the trouble of connecting the dots and then collecting the additional information necessary to break in, steal, vandalize or otherwise victimize a person.

Is it possible to use social media in such a way that one can be both safe and social? No one is 100% safe all the time. Just as nearly every driver on the road has exceeded the speed limit some time during a long journey, everyone is likely to drop an inappropriate piece of information occasionally. Instead of posting something like: "My daughter Jamie will be representing Pleasant Grove High School in the State Debate Tournament in Logan this Saturday morning." Try making things a bit more generic. "Jamie is going to be competing in a tournament this weekend." Friends and relatives know the name of Jamie's school and that she is a debater. A stranger won't know this and will have a hard time using that information against you. Remember - Keep detailed information off the social network.

- No street addresses.
- Post vacation photos after returning home—not while 3,000 miles away from home.

A simple rule is to always think twice before hitting the "Share" button. By using a little common sense most big or small violations of social media safety can be eliminated. With a little forethought, social media can still be social and safe for everyone.

Cody Cullimore

DRILL DOWN FOR SAFETY – WOW!!

Congratulations Lindon! 84% of you participated in the community drill! Our schools did great, too! Lindon is a great place to live, and because of you, it's a little bit safer, too! Thanks to the Committee and the PD for their work!