

Over the years Facebook has had some difficulties with user privacy: It's dealt with privacy breaches, class-action lawsuits, and increasing pressure from governments to protect users that are feeling increasingly unprotected. So, Facebook has turned a corner in dealing with this problem.

Over the last several months, the social network has redesigned a number of privacy settings and launched new features, like in April 2015 when Facebook overhauled its privacy center and added reminders to help users better understand what they share and with whom. They started to launch a privacy checkup tool and the remark of the CEO "We wanted to make sure you're sharing with the right people," is a good indicator of the company policies.

Thus many are marking that the privacy checkup tool covers a number of settings, including who you're posting to, which apps you use, and the privacy of your profile information. This situation is seen in the announcements that recently Facebook did, like "We want to do all we can to put power and control in people's hands," and "This new tool is designed to help everyone make sure they are sharing with just the audience they want."

In the next lines we would show some tips regarding privacy settings:

1. First, make sure all your future posts are locked down. Click on the padlock icon on the top toolbar (on the right hand side), then click 'Who can see my stuff?'

1. Under 'Who can see my future posts', choose from:

- Public (which obviously means everyone)
- Friends
- Only me
- Custom (which allows you to limit some of your friends from seeing your posts)

2. Click on the padlock icon on the top toolbar (on the right hand side), then click 'Who can contact me'. By default this is set up as 'Basic Filtering' to allow friends and people you may know the opportunity to send you a message. If you want only friends to be able to contact you, you can increase the filtering on your inbox. Other messages will then be diverted to your 'other' folder which you can access from the Messages screen. To do this, click 'Strict Filtering' under 'Whose messages do I want filtered into my Inbox?'

3. If you wish to control who can find you based on the email address or telephone number you used to sign up Facebook then you can do so by first clicking on the arrowhead at the top right of any page and then clicking "Settings". Next, select 'Privacy' from the menu on the left hand side of the page and look for the 'Who can look me up?' Option. You will notice that there are separate settings for both your email address and telephone number. Click 'Edit' next to each to choose Friends, Friends of Friends or Everyone.