WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DIGITAL CITIZEN?

Being a digital citizen is about working to ensure you are contributing to the health and well-being of your communities. How are you contributing to a positive culture online?

Four categories:

1. Empathy and Community
2. Positive Technology Use
3. Sharing Information
4. Ethics and Privacy

TIP SHEET #4: DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: ETHICS AND PRIVACY

In the digital world, we can lose control of the information we share. It's important to respect other people's privacy and take control of your own.

1. **Use privacy settings.**

   Apps, browsers and devices have privacy settings that let you limit who sees what you post, control what data companies can collect about you and turn off targeted o personalized ads. If you have an iPhone or iPad, you should be able to turn off data collection for any new app when you download it.

2. **Use privacy tools.**

   You can also use privacy tools like apps and browser extensions that do even more to stop tracking, and you can choose apps and services that respect your privacy.

3. **Respect other people's privacy.**

   Before you share a photo, a video or anything else with somebody in it, make sure they approve. Don't guess whether they'd say yes: There might be reasons you're not aware of why somebody doesn't want something shared. Don't assume it's okay to share something just because someone else did.

4. **Don't pressure people to share anything.**

   It can be hard to say no to a friend, a boyfriend or a girlfriend, so never push anyone to share something they don't want to. If you're a parent, get in the habit of asking your kids before you share photos or videos of them. That will teach them that privacy is important *and* show that it's important to get consent before sharing.

Remember, once something is online it's out of your control – so make good choices about your privacy and others'.