

Data Privacy Month 2015

Data Privacy Month kicks off with Data Privacy Day on January 28 and runs through the end of February. We're spending the month educating the online community about respecting privacy, safeguarding data, and enabling trust online.

Do You...

	Yes	No	Why? Who's Asking?
1. use social media or have a blog?	3	1	2
2. use your real name on these sites?	3	1	2
3. enable your privacy settings?	3	1	2
4. check-in at your current location using social media?	3	1	2
5. talk about your place of employment/college?	3	1	2
6. share your family members' and/or pet's names?	3	1	2
7. post pictures on your profiles?	3	1	2
8. ever share your passwords with anyone?	3	1	2
9. talk about your vacation plans online?	3	1	2
10. share identifying information about your friends/family?	3	1	2

Okay, Give yourself 3 points for each "yes" answer, 1 point for each "no" answer, and 2 points for each "Why? Who's asking?" answer. Here is your score...

10-15 // Can't be Googled. :)

Congratulations! Your online presence is very safe and you seem to be taking the proper precautions before sharing too much information online. Help educate your friends and family with your expertise for Data Privacy Month!

16-22 // Keeps family & friends informed, but not too informed. ;)

Right now you're doing a great job keeping some aspects of your life separate from your online presence, but there is definitely room for improvement. Next time you log into a social profile, be sure to check your privacy settings and think twice before sharing anything you wouldn't want the whole Internet to see.

23-30 // What happens in Vegas... goes on Facebook! :0

We hate to break it to you, but based on these questions it appears that you're putting yourself at a high risk online. Even if you're using safe passwords and enabling privacy settings, make sure that you are taking precaution with the things you are sharing because you never know who could be viewing them.

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Remember // your privacy isn't always up to you. Although what you're sharing online can only currently be viewed by select friends and family who you've made connections with, if a website's data was ever compromised, the things you've posted could be compromised as well. Be careful about which sites you use, and always make sure that the sites you frequent are using secure servers to safeguard your precious data.