



## **TWITTER – Security Settings and Safe Use**

You MUST be 13 years or over to use Twitter

Twitter is a great microblogging service. By remembering some simple tips you will remain safe and secure and enjoy the service for a long time.

### **Remember**

- Twitter is a social networking service; all your tweets can be seen or searched by anybody.
- Protecting your account prevents people from following you automatically. It also stops people you haven't approved reading or searching your tweets. If you wish to protect your account you can do so in the Settings.
- Use a strong password to stop your account from being hacked and change it regularly.

### **A Guide to Safe Use for Young People**

1. Don't post any personal information like your age, where you live, mobile phone number. If you have to, use a DM.
2. It is very easy to tweet something in the heat of the moment and regret it later. Never post anything that could upset somebody else.
3. If you find something upsetting don't reply; tell an adult you trust. If it carries on "block" the sender.
4. Remember that not everybody is who they say they are.
5. If somebody asks you to meet them in the real world, tell your parents or an adult.

**IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED OR HARASSED TELL AN ADULT STRAIGHT AWAY**

