

Gear'd Up

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Stay Connected while Staying Safe

With classes done, the summer season is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the downtime from tests, book reports and the part of school no one enjoys, homework. But you also might miss seeing your friends from class, and staying in touch with them over the summer can be tricky.

The good news is you probably have a social media account*, whether on Instagram or TikTok, or something else. And chances are good you can still see your friends through those sites, too.

Unfortunately, there are some criminals who use fake accounts on social media to appear as someone you might know and may befriend you on these services. If you have a request to connect with someone you don't know, you shouldn't respond to them. Whenever anyone you do not recognize contacts you, let your parents or guardian know immediately.

Connecting with a "fake" profile can cause you to get locked out of your own profile, or even worse, may even

cause you to get locked out of other websites you visit if you use the same email address and password to log into those sites.

It's the same with emails you might get: if you receive an email from someone you don't know asking you to click on a link or go to a website, you shouldn't do it. Delete the email and, if possible, block the sender from being able to contact you going forward.

The bottom line is to just stay aware when saying "hi" to your friends whenever you're not face-to-face. Stay safe while staying connected, and enjoy the summer!

*(*Always asks your parents' or guardians' permission before downloading any app or creating any online account.)*

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