

Using Facebook to Stay Connected

Social Media Series Part 1

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Questions & House Keeping

- Questions are welcome throughout our time today; please type them in the chat as they come up.



Plan for Today



- Using Facebook for advocacy and connecting with legislators.
- Accessing and creating Facebook groups.
- Safety features including how to deal with trolls/online bullies.
- Learning more about where your news is coming from on Facebook.

Question #1

- What do you like to use Facebook for?
- Or if you don't use it and want to, why do you want to use it?



Facebook Means Connection

- Connect with friends and family
- Meet new people
- Find support
- Learn new information
- Share your opinion
- More!



Facebook & Advocacy

- Listening/reading/learning
 - [Black Lives Matter Michigan](#)
- Searching Hashtags or #'s
 - [#CripTheVote](#)
 - [#Disability](#)
- Tuning into legislators and other elected officials
 - [Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr.'s virtual coffee hours!](#)
 - [Ask Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib questions via Facebook messenger!](#)



Question #2

- Which do you use more?
 - The Facebook app on your phone or tablet
 - The Facebook website on your computer



Facebook Groups



- Groups are a place to communicate with people about shared interests.
- Join a group or create a new group.
- Groups can be about anything and can sometimes be helpful support groups!
 - Search by what you're interested in.
- Find groups and communities to connect with on Facebook!

Question #3

- Are you a part of any groups on Facebook? Which ones?



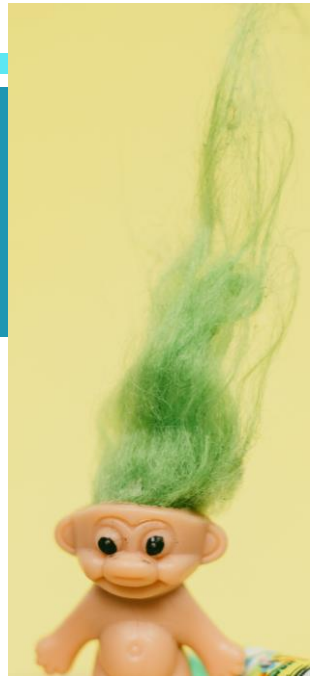
Facebook Safety Features



- Don't share your password.
- Don't accept friend requests or messages from people you don't know.
- It's best not to send money to people on facebook.
- If you're gaming on facebook, don't put in your credit card number; these games really take advantage of people.
- Post to your friends rather than making public posts; you're less likely to be trolled or messed with online.

Dealing with Trolls/Online Bullies

- Trolls are people who try to get others angry online in a mean way.
 - They often say very mean and offensive things.
 - They live to make people upset and angry.
- You don't owe anyone a response.
 - More often than not, if you respond, they will come back with even worse comments.
- Block people who are harming you.
- It's okay to unfriend people who are harming you.



Question #4

- Do you have any tips for staying safe while using Facebook?
Please share!



Learning About Where Your News is Coming From on Facebook



- [Tips to Spot False News on Facebook](#)
- Using the “show more information about this link” feature on Facebook
 - Let’s try this out on some of the articles on the [Michigan DD Council’s facebook page](#).

Thank you!



- Please fill out our short, 3-question evaluation, link is in the chat!
- Please feel free to reach out with any social media-related questions! Jen Mullins, Jen@MyMDRC.org
- See you at Part 2 of this Social Media Series on October 22nd to talk about YouTube!