

Facebook privacy settings - updated January 2012

Facebook have brought in a new timeline which changes the layout of user's profiles. If you are on facebook, the timeline will show all your history and log of all the events and activities you have entered onto facebook since the time you first created a facebook presence. This may bring back some great memories, but also has the potential to throw up some embarrassing moments that you would rather forget. It's vital to remember to set privacy settings to the highest level and remind young people about the importance of privacy settings with regard to this feature too.

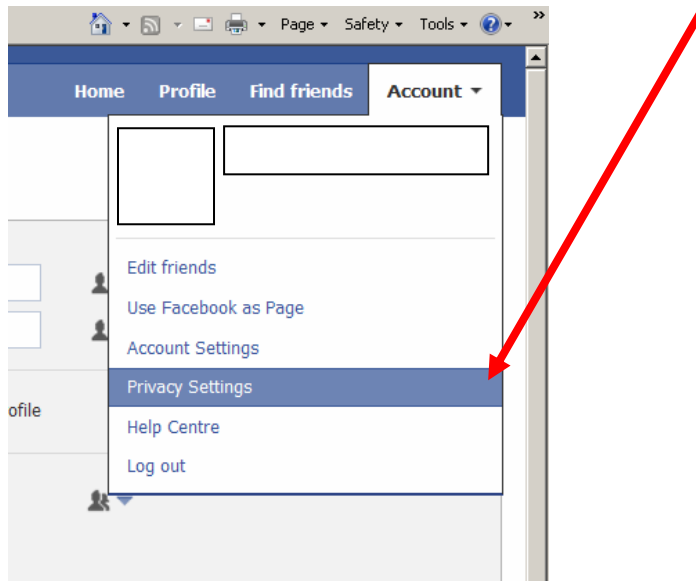
If you are a member of facebook, remember to check your own privacy settings. **Please note:** facebook privacy settings can be tricky to follow - so whilst you might think you have changed your privacy settings to the tightest level - the timeline will still show some stories about friendships, 'likes' and other wall content from your past. In order to be completely private, you will need to go in and delete/hide all this history on a one by one basis.

Checking your timeline

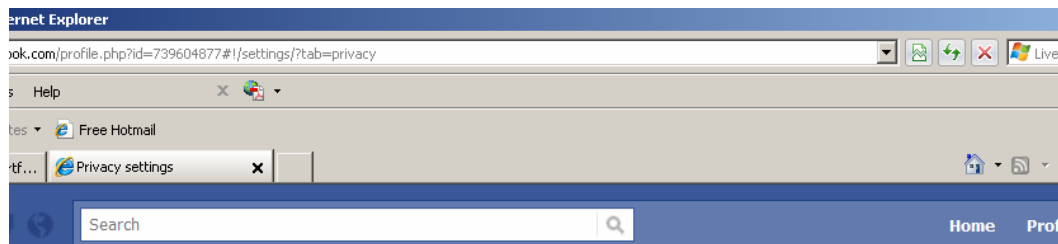
When you are logged into facebook, click on your profile. There is a new '**Activity log**' button which gives you the option to view what your profile looks like to others. Click on the drop down and press 'view as'. At the top of the page you can type in one of your contact's names to view your profile from their point of view, and you can also click on 'public' to see how your information is published to the general public.

The screenshot shows a Facebook profile page for 'Channel Mogo-user'. At the top, there is a section titled 'This is how your timeline looks to you...' with a text input field for 'Enter a friend's name' and a 'Back to Timeline' button. Below this is a large blue logo for 'mogo.org'. The profile name 'Channel Mogo-user' is visible, along with a 'Update Info' button and an 'Activity Log' button with a dropdown arrow. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'View As...', 'Add a Badge to Your Site', and 'Add a Badge to Your Site'. A red circle highlights the 'View As...' option, and a red arrow points from the 'View As...' option to the 'This is how your timeline looks to you...' section. Below the profile name, there are several small images and text elements, including 'Born on January 17, 1971', 'Add where you work', and 'Add your school'.

To change your privacy settings, click on Account, Privacy Settings



Managing your privacy settings:



Privacy settings

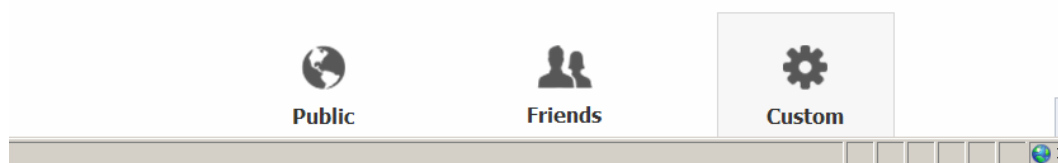
Control Privacy When You Post

You can manage the privacy of your status updates, photos and profile info using the inline audience selector — when you share or afterwards. Remember: the people you share with can always share your information with others, including apps. Try [editing your profile](#) to see how it works or [learn more](#).



Control Your Default Privacy

This setting will apply to status updates and photos you post to your profile from a Facebook app that doesn't have the inline audience selector, like the Facebook App for iPhone.



'Custom Settings' allows you to choose who you share information with within your friends' lists. Click on 'edit settings' for how you connect:



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Public Friends Custom

How You Connect
Control how you connect with people you know. [Edit Settings](#)

How Tags Work
Control what happens when friends tag you or your content. [Edit Settings](#)

Apps and Websites
Control what gets shared with apps, games and websites. [Edit Settings](#)

Limit the Audience for Past Posts
Limit the audience for posts you shared with friends of friends or Public [Manage Past Post Visibility](#)

This will open up a box (below) to show you how you share information on your new timeline. Use the drop down arrows on each area to choose the information you want to share. Note the highlighted area in red below:

How You Connect

Who can look up your timeline by name or contact info? **Everyone**

Who can send you friend requests? **Everyone**

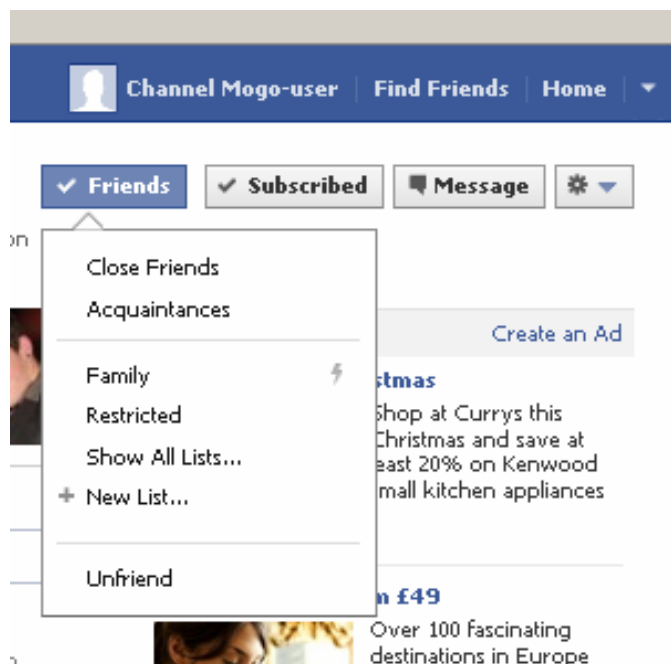
Who can send you Facebook messages? **Everyone**

Who can post on your timeline? **Friends**

Who can see posts by others on your timeline? (Note: Stories about likes, friendships, and some other types of wall content aren't included in these settings.) **Friends of Friends**

[Learn more](#) **Done**

Within your online friend lists, you can pick and choose friends who you want to hide certain information from. To do this, click on the friend's profile page and where it says 'friends' there is a drop down where you can choose the different options below, you can also create new lists:

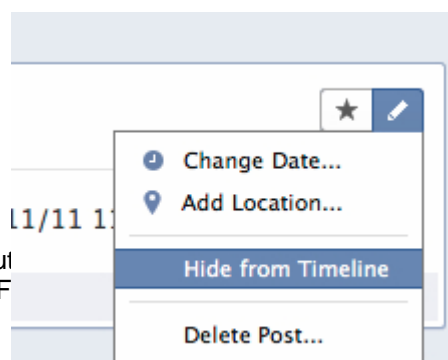


(By default, when you add new person to your friends on facebook, the default update will be showing everything on your profile to them).

Hiding information in your timeline

Future posts:

When you create new updates on your page, in order to hide timeline information from showing to your friends and everyone, click the pencil icon that is located at the top of the post you wanted to remove from your timeline and then choose the option that says '**Hide from Timeline**'.





Past posts:

Once you are moved over to timeline, facebook gives you **7 days** to go in and edit your past posts or delete them. If you have been a member of facebook for some years and regularly post information on there, you may want to take some time to edit all your posts - as you can imagine this can be time consuming.






You can do this by clicking on your profile and against each individual update, click on the pencil icon and click 'Hide from Timeline' or unlike or delete depending on the update you have created.

The screenshot shows a Facebook interface with a focus on the 'Activity Log'. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'facebook', a search bar, and the user's name 'Channel Mogo-user'. Below this, the 'Activity Log' section is visible, showing a message: 'Only you can see your Activity Log'. The main content area displays a list of activities from 2011, categorized by date: 'Today', 'Yesterday', and 'December 14'. A red circle highlights a post management menu for a post from 'Today' at 9:40am. The menu options are: 'Featured on Timeline' (with a star icon), 'Allowed on Timeline' (with a checked radio button), and 'Hidden from Timeline' (with a radio button). Other posts in the log include 'Channel updated their cover photo.' and 'Channel likes Summer of a Lifetime in Herts 2012.'.

You can also click onto your '**Activity Log**' on your profile. This shows your timeline in full. Against each update, you can click on the circle icon to the right which opens up options to hide or allow this to show on your timeline:



Checking other privacy settings:

 How you connect	Control how you connect with people you know.	Edit Settings
 How tags work	Control what happens when friends tag you or your content.	Edit Settings
 Apps and websites	Control what gets shared with apps, games and websites.	Edit Settings
 Limit the Audience for Past Posts	Limit the audience for posts you shared with more than friends.	Manage Past Post Visibility
 Block lists	Manage your lists of blocked people and apps.	Manage Block Lists

- **Check your privacy and account settings regularly as facebook is always changing and adding new features. Facebook wants users to share as much as possible so it makes privacy difficult, there are sometimes hidden areas of these features. For more details, click here <http://www.facebook.com/help/privacy>**