

What is private information?

Recognise personal information and practise setting safe boundaries

Private information

Private information is information about you or other people that not everyone should know. Examples include your name or where you live. You should share this information only with people you know well and trust, such as your family or close friends. If someone you do not know well asks you for private information, it is okay to say “No” and ask an adult for help.

A1

Help Paula and Paul decide what is private and what is not. Tick one box for each item.

Information	Private	General
Where I live	☐	☐
Where the nearest bus stop is	☐	☐
What time it is	☐	☐
When my birthday is	☐	☐
Whether I have any illnesses	☐	☐
Where I am going	☐	☐
What brand my school bag is	☐	☐
What my full name is	☐	☐
What my telephone number or my parents' telephone number is	☐	☐
What the password for the tablet or computer at home is	☐	☐
My parents' bank account number	☐	☐
How many wheels a car has	☐	☐
When someone takes a photograph of me	☐	☐

Responding in everyday situations

Decide whether the information is private, then write what you would say or do

A2

For each situation, tick “Private” or “General”, then write how you would respond.

A) At a restaurant: The waiter asks what you want to eat.

Private ☐ **General** ☐

My answer:



B) In the street: A man asks where you are going.

Private ☐ **General** ☐

My answer:



C) On the computer: While gaming, a stranger messages you and asks for your telephone number and home address.

Private ☐ **General** ☐

My answer:



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