

# Protect Your Facebook Accounts

**For many of us, social networking has become an important part of our everyday lives.** And as Twitter, Facebook and other social networks continue to grow, more and more people of all ages are using the networks to share personal messages and take part in frivolous, sometimes silly chats. In this way, Facebook is not only replacing email and instant messaging as the preferred means of communicating with friends and colleagues—it is also replacing our once-private diaries and journals.

Just like a personal diary, my own Facebook pages have a lot of information that I'd like to keep private. In addition, I want my Facebook Business page to reflect well on my business.

If you've ever had someone break into your Facebook account and edit your profile with strange or embarrassing information, then you've been "facejacked." Fortunately, Facebook has some great—and sadly underpublicized—features to stop even a person who has your password from accessing your account.

Facebook have built in some great features to stop even a person who has your password from accessing your account, this stuff isn't new, it's just underused and under-publicized. If you regularly log in from the same device or devices, you can train Facebook to recognize those machines. You can ensure that if someone tries to log in from an unrecognized device that you are notified immediately (if you're logged in). You can even make that person enter a code that will be sent as an SMS to your registered mobile phone. So unless the snooper has direct access to your personal computer or your mobile phone, they won't be Facejacking (or the less salubrious term, fraping) you, and if they do have that kind of access, well, your problems might be bigger than just Facebook.

So here's how:

- 1 – Log into Facebook and in the top right drop-down **Account** menu select “**Account Settings**“.
- 2 – In the **Settings** screen that appears, click the **Edit** link next to “**Account Security**“.

Make the following changes:

a - Tick the box to **enable secure browsing**, this will ensure that your communication with Facebook is always encrypted where possible and guard and password stealing tools like [Firesheep](#).

b – Under **Login notifications**, select whether you would like an email or SMS notification when an unrecognized device tries to access your account.

c – Under **Login approvals** tick the box to have a security code sent to your mobile device, and you're all set. Even if someone knows your password, they still won't be able to login without the security code.

**Account security** hide

Control your browsing and login security

**Secure browsing (https)**  
 Browse Facebook on a secure connection (https) whenever possible

**Login notifications**  
 When an unrecognized computer or device tries to access my account:  
 Send me an email  
 Send me a text message

**Login approvals**  
 When an unrecognized computer or device tries to access my account:  
 Require me to enter a security code sent to my phone

[Save](#)

**Your recognised devices:**

Device name	Time saved	
Work laptop	Yesterday at 17:11	<a href="#">Remove</a>

**Here are some additional settings to check:**

Personal profile: Account / Privacy settings (top right menu)

Sharing -

Determine what the public sees

Connecting -

Send you messages – this should be set to friends , or friends of friends

see your friends list –this should be set to friends, or to friends of friends

[Choose Your Privacy Settings](#) ▶ [Customize settings](#)

← Back to Privacy
Preview My Profile

Customize who can see and comment on things you share, things on your Wall and things you're tagged in.

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Things I share

<b>Posts by me</b> <small>Default setting for posts, including status updates and photos</small>	<input type="button" value="Friends of Friends"/>
<b>Family</b>	<input type="button" value="Friends Only"/>
<b>Relationships</b>	<input type="button" value="Friends Only"/>
<b>Interested in</b>	<input type="button" value="Friends of Friends"/>
<b>Bio and favorite quotations</b>	<input type="button" value="Everyone"/>
<b>Website</b>	<input type="button" value="Everyone"/>
<b>Religious and political views</b>	<input type="button" value="Friends Only"/>
<b>Birthday</b>	<input type="button" value="Friends Only"/>
<b>Places you check in to</b>	<input type="button" value="Friends Only"/>
<b>Include me in "People Here Now" after I check in</b> <small>Visible to friends and people checked in nearby (See an example)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable

[Edit privacy settings](#) for existing photo albums and videos.

Things others share	Photos and videos you're tagged in	Edit Settings
	Permission to comment on your posts <small>Includes status updates, friends' Wall posts, and photos</small>	🔒 Friends of Friends ▼
	Suggest photos of me to friends <small>When photos look like me, suggest my name</small>	Edit Settings
	Friends can post on my Wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable
	Can see Wall posts by friends	🔒 Friends Only ▼
	Friends can check me in to Places	Edit Settings
Contact information	Address	🔒 Friends of Friends ▼
	IM screen name	🔒 Friends Only ▼
	tim@toriangroup.com	🔒 Only Me ▼
	tim.torian@facebook.com	🔒 Only Me ▼
	timtorian@gmail.com	🔒 Only Me ▼
	+15597331940	🔒 Friends Only ▼
	+15593002619	🔒 Only Me ▼

<http://www.facebook.com/safety> more information

**More security tips for Facebook:**

Phishing - verify any email links before clicking on them

Hijacking - use a unique, strong password

Use one time passwords on untrusted computers - texts to phone

Friend only those you know

Block unwanted content