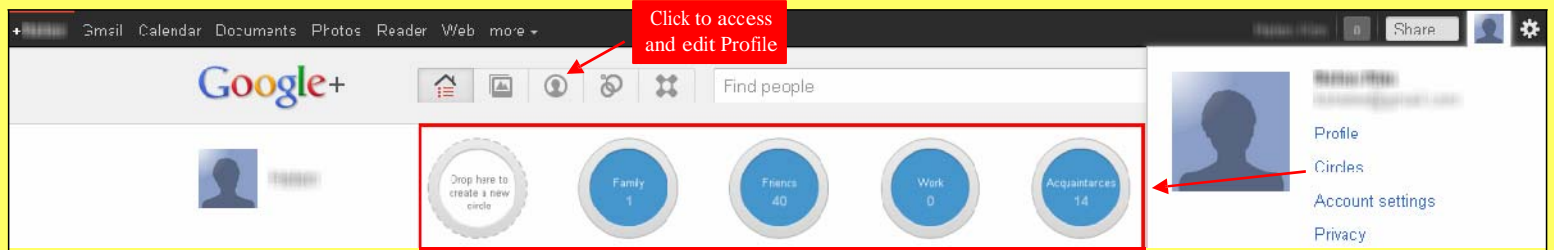# Google+ Smart Card

Social Networks - Do's and Don'ts

- Only establish and maintain connections with people you know and trust. Review your connections often.
- Assume that ANYONE can see any information about your activities, personal life, or professional life that you post and share.
- Ensure that your family takes similar precautions with their accounts; their privacy and sharing settings can expose your personal data.
- Use caution when posting images of you or your family. Be aware of your surroundings, to include identifiable locations, military affiliations, and any other personal security vulnerabilities. It's highly discouraged to use geo-location tags.
- Use secure browser settings when possible and monitor your browsing history to ensure that you recognize all access points.

Managing Your Google+ Profile

Google+ provides privacy and sharing options using **Circles**. Circles are groups that users create for different types of connections, such as family, friends, or colleagues. Content is shared only with circles you select. Google+ requires that users provide real names - no pseudonyms.

Click to access and edit Profile

Profile Settings

Apply and save the **Profile** settings shown below to ensure that your information is visible to <u>only</u> people of your choosing.

Select Edit Profile to make changes

This box is **PUBLIC.** Do not fill out additional information

Name & Profile Picture are **PUBLIC**

Uncheck both

Uncheck

DO NOT add links to other online presences, such as a webpage, Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn

Change to **Your Circles**

To share information on this page with specific people, select **Custom** then choose appropriate **Circles**

Uncheck top button

Change to **Only You**

Change to **Your Circles**

Uncheck

Account Settings & Minimizing Your Activities

Apply the Account settings shown with arrows below to ensure that your information is shared in a limited fashion.

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Who can send you notifications? Learn more — Your circles
Who can comment on your public posts? Learn more — Your circles
Who can start a Messenger conversation with you? — Circles

Change as indicated

Notification delivery

Email: itshelen@gmail.com
Phone: ☑ Add phone number | **Don't Add Phone Number**
via ⦿ Push notifications ◯ Don't notify me

Manage email subscriptions — **Uncheck**

Occasional updates about Google+ activity and friend suggestions ☐

- Account settings can be accessed under **Account Settings > Google+**.
- Maintain a small Google+ "footprint". Select only important Google+ notifications as shown in the box to the left.
- Limit notifications to email as opposed to text.
- **Do not** connect your mobile phone to Google+ or use the Google+ mobile application, and **Disable +1** on non-Google Websites
- **Do not** allow contacts to tag you then automatically link to your profile
- **Disable** your circles from accessing your photo tags prior to you

Google +1

+1 on non-Google sites — Off Edit — **Change to "Off"**

Google+ Pages

☐ Automatically add a Google+ page to my circles if I search for + followed by the page's — **Uncheck**

Photos

☐ Show photo geo location information in newly uploaded albums and photos. — **Uncheck**
☐ Allow viewers to download my photos — **Uncheck**
☐ Find my face in photos and prompt people I know to tag me. Learn more — **Uncheck**

People whose tags of you are automatically approved to link to your Profile:
+ Add circles or people to share with… — **Remove Everyone**
When a tag is approved, it is linked to your profile, and the photo is added to the "Photos of you" section.

Receive notifications

Notify me by email or SMS when someone… — **Check as indicated**

Posts and mentions of my name	Email	Phone
Mentions me in a post	☑	☐
Shares a post with me directly	☐	☐
Comments on a post I created	☐	☐
Comments on a post after I comment on it	☐	☐
Circles	Email	Phone
Adds me to a circle	☐	☐
Photos	Email	Phone
Tags me in a photo	☑	☐
Tags one of my photos	☑	☐
Comments on a photo after I comment on it	☐	☐
Comments on a photo I am tagged in	☐	☐
Comments on a photo I tagged	☐	☐
Messenger	Email	Phone
Starts a conversation with me	☐	☑

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You can improve your Google experience by connecting your accounts from other services.

Twitter — Yes this is me — No — Suggested
☐ Add this link to my public Google Profile, too — **Uncheck**

Connect an account ▾ — **Do not** add outside accounts

Connecting your accounts

- When you search, you can see relevant content your friends share on the web.
- You make it easier for them to find the stuff you share on the web.
- You can choose which accounts to show on your public Google Profile.

Remember, Google won't share your searches or other private information with third-party services without your consent.

☑ Use my Google contact information to suggest accounts from other sites. — **Uncheck**

By default, Google+ uses your Google contact information to link your accounts from other online services, aggregating your online identity in one location. To disable this feature:

- Go to **Account Settings > Connected Accounts**
- Click "No" to Google-suggested 3rd-party accounts
- Disable Google+ access to your contact information
- Do not manually connect other online accounts using Google+

Deleting Your Google+ Profile Information or Account

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Account overview

Edit profile

Go to Account Settings > Account Overview

Services

Delete profile and Google+ features — Delete profile and remove associated Google+ features
Delete entire Google account — Close entire account and delete all services and info associated with it
View, enable, or disable web history — Go to web history

- **Delete Google+ Content** removes Google+ related information such as circles, +1's, posts, and comments
- **Delete your entire Google profile** removes all user data from Google services, including your Gmail
- **Disable web history** to prevent accumulation of your digital footprint

Useful Links

A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety	www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide
Wired Kids	www.wiredkids.org/
Microsoft Safety & Security	www.microsoft.com/security/online-privacy/social-networking.aspx
OnGuard Online	www.onguardonline.gov/topics/social-networking-sites.aspx