

Digital Safety Moment – What’s in a Privacy Policy? (YouTube, CC Available)

Ever look for the privacy policy on the sites that you use? Sometimes they are hard to find. Hello, my name is Diana Bidulescu, and this is a digital safety moment coming to you from the Houston Independent School District. Privacy policies are not always easy to find and once you find them, they’re not always that easy to read. But here’s the thing, if you don’t take the time to read the privacy policy you may find that your personal information, including your full name, your email address and your birthdate might be shared with other websites that could send you dozens of spam emails. You may also have given permission to share information about your location, your likes and dislikes and your web browsing habits. Skim the policy for terms such as: personally identifiable data, collected information, we may store information, we use cookies, pixels or Web Beacons, third party sites, log file information. Take the time to read through the policy and be sure what’s stated works for you. If it doesn’t, then change the settings or consider whether you need to use this site at all. There may be safer alternatives available. This has been Diana from Houston ISD reminding you to think before you click.