

# Facebook, MySpace, LiveJournal.....

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The University of Miami recognizes that many students use the internet and participate in online social networking. The University encourages responsible internet use and wants students to understand that they are responsible for their postings depicting them on the internet and/or social networking sites.

Prohibited usage of internet/networking sites may include:

- Stalking, harassing, or threatening another person or group;
- Creating language on a social network that is hateful, threatening, vulgar, or derogatory or displaying or being displayed in an activity that violates federal, state, or local law and/or any regulation outlined in the University of Miami Student Rights and Responsibilities.

### **B.59 Online/Internet Social Networking Usage** (Student Rights and Responsibilities, Page 60)

Students are prohibited from:

- a. Stalking, harassing, or threatening another person or group via the internet.
- b. Creating language on a social network that is hateful, threatening, vulgar, or derogatory or displaying or being displayed in an activity that violates federal, state, or local law and/or any regulation outlined in the University of Miami Student Rights and Responsibilities.

We recognize that online/social networking opportunities are abundant and popular. We urge you to be smart and consider the following when you participate in such programs as Facebook, MySpace, LiveJournal, etc.

### **Top 10 Points to Ponder About Your Online Behavior:**

1. If you wouldn't post it on your front door, don't post it online.
2. Use privacy setting to help control who can access your information.
3. Your online profile may be the only impression someone has of you.
4. Civility matters (even on the internet).
5. Your control online is limited. Just because you have privacy settings doesn't mean you are in the clear. Profiles may be saved, forwarded, backed up, or printed. There is also a chance a hacker might steal your information. Deleting something from a profile or deleting a whole profile does not mean that it is gone forever.
6. Employers are on facebook. Companies may be looking at your profile before hiring you for an internship or a work study opportunity.
7. Police use facebook to identify suspects, illegal behavior, and crimes.
8. Predators love the web, particularly those sites that are not reserved only for users with a college .edu address. Be safe. Don't give strangers information that might allow them to cause harm.
9. You're responsible for you. While you cannot completely control who sees your profile, you can control what is depicts. Also note that pictures "tagged by others" or messages posted on your wall may not be appropriately depicting you.

10. National and international fraternities and sororities have rules regarding public relations. The name of your organization (including the letters) is copyrighted. Your national or international sorority or fraternity does not want you to post any behavior that is not in line with your organization's values.

