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**Social Media Privacy**

A worrying trend these days is what some people divulge on facebook and other social media like google+, twitter, myspace, youtube, flickr, vimeo etc.

How easy is it for a friend of a friend to see that you are at the airport - about to leave on a holiday, so your house will be empty for a few days. Or maybe you have your posts set to 'Public' that can be seen by everybody, with even less control of who might be viewing your holiday posts.

Another major concern with these social media accounts, is the volume of very personal information we freely give away. Like for instance your date of birth. It is handy when you are locked out of your account and need to prove who you are to get back in again, but some would consider it too much. Your Internet Service Provider might also ask for this before sharing account details with you – again as proof of your identity over the phone.  One method is to use a modified name and/or made up date of birth when setting up social media accounts.  Just remember to record your alias date of birth so that you know it when required.  Clearly these accounts don't carry the same importance as the ATO or Passport office.

And while we are talking about social media security, do NOT post pictures of your newly purchased concert tickets. These days of high quality cameras and printers – you make it far too easy for someone else to print and use your tickets. They will get to the event before you do, and you will be locked out !

If you are not sure how to set up your privacy settings, give us a call.

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