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HIGHLIGHTS

MANAGING YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT AND ONLINE PRIVACY



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It's good practice to minimize your digital footprint when using websites and apps. You can reduce the amount of personal information collected about you by disabling location sharing, using secure Wi-Fi connections, and rejecting "cookies" when prompted. **Cookies** are small pieces of data that websites store on your device to remember information such as login details or past searches.

- Using incognito or private browsing mode prevents your browser from saving your history and automatically rejects cookies. However, your internet service provider (including employers or libraries) can still see what websites you visit while you are using their network.

Additional safe browsing tips: Cover your camera when not in use, use private browsers like Firefox or Brave, or install browser extensions such as Privacy Badger or Ghostery.

Social media tips: Keep your personal details private. Most platforms offer a private account option, allowing you to control who can see your posts, photos, and profile details.

For additional tools and resources on digital media literacy, visit [MediaSmarts](#)



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