

Social Networking

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Social networking has become one of the easiest and most accessible ways of interacting with people across the globe. The main attraction is the quick or even immediate response. Networking is a way of communicating in a more advanced way and it is expanding rapidly. There is a choice of sites where people chat – Mxit, Facebook, Twitter, Myspace and many more.

People network for various reasons – business, fun and some even do it simply because it is the ‘in’ thing. Why do you social network?

Though social networking has many pros and cons, overall, it is a nice and easy way to make and keep in touch with friends.

What is amazing to note is how many introverts have loads of friends on these sites. They seem to come out of their shells in cyberspace! Maybe being behind the screen, they find a sense of belonging that they lack in the real world.

One of the biggest dangers of social networking is that there are many unsavoury characters and perverts. These people use the Internet as a hunting ground to find victims while hiding behind their internet personas.

Meeting your web pals can be risky because you do not know what kind of person you will be meeting. It is always wise to meet new friends in a public place to minimize the danger. We have all read horror stories of kidnappings and murders under these circumstances.



Young children with access to the internet need to be monitored as it is very easy for them to see things that children should not that can affect their state of mind, for example pornography.

Social networking is a great way of exchanging information and learning new things about people, their culture and our world.

When you are networking, it is like you are entering another world, but there is a danger that it can become addictive and end up interfering with your daily activities! You can end up wasting hours on the sites!