Film guide

This short film looks at what can happen when content is publicly shared online. Through Trey and Sami's actions we learn how important it is to know your settings, to always ask permission before sharing something about other people online and to make sure you don't give away too much personal information.

Before playing the film, start by thinking about what is meant by 'sharing online' and what the important things are to remember when sharing something about yourself or other people. The starting point 'Sharing' in the toolkit will help this discussion.



Play the film

Pause and discuss

★ Why is Mia upset?

Mia did not want to dance in the video and only agreed to join in because she thought it would be private. She did not want anybody apart from Trey, Sami and Aisha to see the video.

Mia didn't want to be in the video, so why do you think she joined in?

Although her friends weren't forcing her to be in the video, Mia might have felt pressured to make her friends happy. It's important to never feel pressured to do something you don't want to, even if you think it will make someone else happy. If it makes you uncomfortable or doesn't feel right, then say no and speak to an adult you trust.

Mia also thought the video was going to be kept private for only her friends to see. This might have made her feel more comfortable about taking part – unfortunately, the video was not shared privately...

★ What should Trey have done before he shared the video?

Trey should have checked his privacy settings and made sure his account was set to private. He should also have made sure that he was sharing it in the way he had agreed before – so only Sami, Mia and Aisha could see it. Remember that once you have shared something online, it can be very hard to take back. You should only share something if you're sure that it is safe to do so and if you have checked that you have privacy settings set-up.

* What could Sami have done differently?

Sami should have asked Mia's permission before sharing the video for his friends to see as she had only agreed to it being shared with a few people.

* What should Trey and Sami do next?

Trey and Sami should delete the video as Mia did not agree for it to be shared publicly. They should also apologise to Mia who has been upset by what's happened. To avoid this happening again, they should change their privacy settings and make sure that they always listen to their friends and only share things when they have permission to do so.



Play the rest of the film to show what happened next and repeat the key messages using the top tips on the final slide of the film.

Extend your discussion:

★ Did you spot anything else in the video that should not have been shared publicly?

The video that Trey took included some personal information. You can see their location, their school uniforms and Aisha's full name and age. Personal information should be kept private and never shared with someone you don't know.

* What advice would you give these characters before they share anything again online?

It's important to think carefully before you share anything online – make sure that you've checked your privacy settings and know who will see the content you post. Always check profiles and posts to make sure they aren't revealing any personal information and remember this might be something in the background that you didn't spot at first. If you want to share something about someone else, including a photo or video, make sure you have permission from them first and always listen if they are uncomfortable. Speak to an adult if you're not sure whether something is okay to share or if you think you have made a mistake and shared something you shouldn't have.







