**Bulletin #4: For Parents of Ages 16+**

**Teens, Privacy, and the Illusion of Control**

Teens believe they’re in control of their online lives and that their “private” posts are safe. But the truth is, even private posts can be screenshot, forwarded, or archived forever.

Talk to your teen about digital footprints: what they share today could affect college admissions, job opportunities, and personal safety.

**What You Can Do**

* Discuss how online actions can impact the future.
* Ask: “Would you post this if your future boss could see it?”
* Guide them from monitoring to mentoring—encourage thoughtful choices.