Online Privacy

Engineering Communities is a publicly accessible and visible community that anyone can join. Some areas of the community are open to the public on a ‘view only’ basis and some features and areas are only visible to those who are logged in.

Taking some simple steps will ensure only those you want, can see the information you are sharing.

Your Privacy Settings

As a community member, you can manage your privacy settings to determine who within the community can contact you via private message, view your profile information and view your uploaded content. Visit the Privacy tab in ‘My Account’ to update and edit your privacy settings.

Visibility of each of your profile sections can be adjusted individually so you may want to share your ‘About me’ and ‘general information’ sections with everyone, but choose to keep other sections visible to only you or your contacts.

The options available for your Privacy Settings are:

- Contacts only - this allows you to only show your selected profile information to only those who you are connected with.
- Everybody - selecting everybody allows anyone logged into the community to view information
- Nobody – Your information is visible to only you.

Your profile page is not visible to the public i.e. only those who are logged into the community can view community member’s profiles.

Some Do’s and Don’ts

Don’t include personal information such as your personal email address, telephone number or postal address in any of your forum posts or comments within the community.

Do log out of the community if you are using a computer or device that is not your own.

Do use strong passwords, change your passwords regularly and never reveal them to other people.