

Protecting Your Personal Information

Your Personal Safety is in Danger! This information could be used to stalk, harass, or pursue you or your children in other dangerous ways. The Kentucky Center for School Safety recommends that all personal information be removed from Internet websites. The Center has compiled the following list of methods to "opt-out" of Internet search companies. Bear in mind more sites are created all the time, and this list, not meant to be comprehensive, addresses most major sites.

Directions to Remove Your Personal Information:

Google.com

- 1. Go to www.google.com
- 2. Test whether your phone number is mapped, type your phone number in the search bar with dashes (i.e.555-555-1212) and hit enter.
- 3. Two types of links may appear: to your personal information (name, address, etc.); and to any websites where your phone number appears.
- 4. To BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply go to www.google.com/intl/en/help/pbremoval.html.
- 5. Fill out the form and submit it.

Whitepages.com

(Also <u>www.whitepages.ca</u>, <u>www.411.com</u>, <u>www.phonenumber.com</u>, <u>www.whitepages411.com</u>, <u>www.address.com</u>)

- 1. Go to http://www.whitepages.com and check for your listing.
- 2. To REMOVE your listing, go to the frequently asked questions page at http://www.whitepages.com/10001/faq#1.
- 3. Click on the link How Do I Add, Edit or Remove a Listing.
- 4. Click on the Online Removal Form and complete the form.

Smartpages.com

- 1. Go to http://www.smartpages.com/
- 2. Check to see if your personal information is listed.
- 3. If so, email a request to be removed to ypcsupport@yellowpages.com or contact their business office at 866-620-6000.

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www.kycss.com

Anywho.com

- 1. Go to http://www.anywho.com/
- 2. Click on the Help link at the top right of the page.
- 3. Under the General Information, click on How to Remove Your Residential Listing.
- 4. The removal process involves validating that your phone number is in the system.
- 5. After you find out your phone number is in the system, you will be provided a toll free number to call and have it removed within minutes.

Reversephonedirectory.com (multiple sites by Intelius.com)

- 1. Go to http://reversephonedirectory.com and search for your information.
- 2. This is the most difficult site we encountered, and has the most pervasive information including spouse, children, residences, etc.
- 3. Email https://www.intelius.com/emailcontact.php or call 425.974.6100 requesting all pertinent information be removed.
- 4. You will be told to fax a notarized letter or copy of your driver's license to 425.974.6194 or mail to 500 108th Avenue NE, Suite 1660, Bellevue, Washington 98004 to remove. Do it!

Zabasearch.com

- 1. Go to http://www.zabasearch.com.
- 2. Check to see if your name and information is in their database.
- 3. If so, email a request to be removed to info@Zabasearch.com.

Switchboard.com

- 1. Go to http://www.switchboard.com/ and search for your listing.
- 2. To remove, click the "update your listing" link beside it, or send the listing as it appears in the database (name, address, phone number) to webmaster@switchboard.com and enter "Delete" in the subject field.
- 3. Deleting a listing takes about a week from the time we receive your request. Once we delete a listing it should never reappear.
- 4. If you do not have email, ask a friend to send an email or write to Switchboard, 120 Flanders Road, Westboro, MA 01581.

To contact the KCSS to conduct a free training on Internet Safety please call the toll free number or visit the website for further details.

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