



CYBER COMMUNITIES: FRIEND OR FOE?

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Personal Safety

- Information leading to you
- Class schedules
- Daily activities/Social activities
- Birth date
- Phone numbers



Benefits of Cyber Communities

- Convenient way to connect with people around the world
- Create groups with similar interests
- Coordinate study groups



Resources

- University Police Department COPS
- Student Conflict Resolution Services
- Hall Directors or Resident Manager



Hidden Hazards

- Identity Theft
- Stalkers/Predators
- Harassment



Cyber Community Challenges

- People can misrepresent themselves
- All postings are public- no control with information once posted
- Addiction
- False sense of security
- Reputation

