Many websites and Facebook apps appear innocent enough but are designed to harvest your personal information. Consider this before you download the latest and greatest app.

This is also the case for many Facebook fan pages. Just because your friends “Like” a page, doesn’t mean you should too.

Think before you click!

Did you know that, by default, Facebook apps have full access to anything you marked as “share with everyone”? It might be time to revisit your privacy settings.
I RECEIVED AN EMAIL ASKING ME TO VALIDATE MY MCGILL USERNAME AND PASSWORD. SHOULD I RESPOND?

NO! NEVER PROVIDE YOUR MCGILL USERNAME AND MCGILL PASSWORD IN AN EMAIL. THE SAME ADVICE GOES FOR ALL YOUR ACCOUNTS.

DO NOT EVEN REPLY WITH A FAKE RESPONSE! THIS WILL HELP VALIDATE THAT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS ACTIVE AND LAND YOU A SPOT ON A SCammer’S EMAIL LIST. I CAN’T BELIEVE PEOPLE STILL FALL FOR SCAMS LIKE THIS!

BELIEVE IT! FRAUDSTERS ARE GETTING MUCH MORE TRICKY WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PEOPLE TO REVEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION. SOME OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED SCAMS NEARLY FOOLEO THE EXPERTS!

MCGILL IT SERVICES WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD VIA EMAIL.
WHAT ARE SOME GOOD TIPS FOR SAFELY BROWSING THE WEB?

- **Keep your browsers up-to-date.** This also includes all plug-ins and add-ons.

- **Hide your tracks!** Delete your temporary internet files and your browsing history.

- **Use “private browsing”** when on a shared machine. This helps keep your online activity from being recorded by the browser. This is especially useful when doing any online transactions.

- **Use a web reputation service such as Trend Internet Security Suite or McAfee’s SiteAdvisor.**
Aside from Windows and Mac updates, you also have to keep all your other applications like Apple QuickTime, Adobe Reader and Flash updated at all times.

I've installed so much software, do I have to manually update each one?

Yes, or enable automatic updates if available.

If you are a Windows user, you can install Secunia PSI, a tool which will help notify you when an application is out of date and then point you to the latest version of the app.
Check privacy settings on all social networking sites where you have an account (Myspace, Twitter, Buzz, Friendster, etc.).

Cancel unused social networking accounts. You don't want bits of your personal information and pictures floating around the web without your knowledge.

Your unused account could be hijacked and then used to scam others, including your friends! And don't forget the accounts you've forgotten about! Google your name and see what comes up.

Become a fan of the following Facebook pages: "Facebook Security", "Facebook and Privacy" and "Sophos".