

## Questions to ask yourself as a digital citizen

We hear a lot about digital citizenship, but what does it *really* mean? Take a look at these questions to reflect on your own digital habits, and don't miss this quick guide from MediaSmarts Canada! Media Smart's Canada Centre for Digital Media Literacy

#### **Thinking Critically**

- Is the information I'm sharing accurate and from a reliable source?
- Am I thinking for myself, or just repeating what I saw online?
- Could this post be misleading, even if it feels true?

### **Communicating Respectfully**

- Would I say this to someone's face?
- Am I being kind, or could this comment hurt someone?
- How do I handle disagreement online—do I listen, or do I just react?

#### **Protecting Your Privacy**

- Who can see what I'm sharing—and who should see it?
- Have I checked the privacy settings on the apps I use?
- Am I sharing more than I would feel comfortable with later?

# **Understanding Your Impact**

- Am I contributing something positive to this space?
- How might this post affect someone else's mental health or safety?
- What kind of digital footprint am I leaving behind?