

# Wise, Unwise or Just Plain Stupid!

## INSTRUCTIONS

Print one set of the cards per student, or per group. Cut into the three header cards and cut and shuffle the 'statement' cards.

Students are to sort the 'statement' cards under the three header cards deciding if the statement represents an action or behaviour that is Wise, Unwise or Just Plain Stupid.

Once completed, you could ask students to select one or two statements from each pile and discuss the short and long term consequences of each.

Key message: Choices have Consequences.

On the next pages we have provided you with some starting points for the responses to this part of the activity.

## WISE STATEMENTS

Statement: **Before posting a photo, always ask for permission from everyone in the picture.**

Short-term Consequences: Respects privacy, builds trust, and prevents immediate conflicts.

Long-term Consequences: Fosters a responsible digital footprint and a respectful online community.

Statement: **Use strong, unique passwords for different online accounts and update them regularly.**

Short-term Consequences: Secures accounts against immediate hacking threats.

Long-term Consequences: Establishes good cybersecurity habits, protecting personal information over time.

Statement: **Fact-check information before sharing it online to prevent the spread of misinformation.**

Short-term Consequences: Enhances credibility and avoids spreading false information.

Long-term Consequences: Contributes to a well-informed, responsible digital community.

Statement: **Respect others' opinions online, even when they differ from your own.**

Short-term Consequences: Promotes a positive and respectful online dialogue.

Long-term Consequences: Builds a reputation for being thoughtful and considerate, fostering constructive conversations.

Statement: **Limit personal information shared online and review privacy settings regularly.**

Short-term Consequences: Protects against identity theft and privacy breaches.

Long-term Consequences: Maintains a safe and secure online presence, reducing the risk of future digital threats.

## UNWISE STATEMENTS

Statement: **Sharing passwords with best friends as a sign of trust.**

Short-term Consequences: Risk of accidental or intentional misuse of accounts.

Long-term Consequences: Potential for privacy violations and lasting damage to online reputation.

## UNWISE STATEMENTS continued

Statement: **Posting emotionally charged, impulsive reactions to events without thinking.**

Short-term Consequences: May offend or alienate others, causing immediate misunderstandings or arguments.

Long-term Consequences: Risks damaging relationships and creating a negative online persona.

Statement: **Accepting all friend requests or followers to increase social media popularity.**

Short-term Consequences: Exposure to potential online predators or scammers.

Long-term Consequences: Compromised personal safety and privacy, leading to possible harassment or identity theft.

Statement: **Participating in online challenges or trends without considering safety or appropriateness.**

Short-term Consequences: Risk of physical harm or offending others.

Long-term Consequences: Permanent digital record of poor decision-making, affecting future opportunities.

Statement: **Believing and spreading unverified sensational news without fact-checking.**

Short-term Consequences: Contributing to misinformation and panic.

Long-term Consequences: Loss of credibility and trustworthiness in the digital community.

## JUST PLAIN STUPID STATEMENTS

Statement: **Using a public figure's name as a password because it's easy to remember.**

Short-term Consequences: Extremely weak security, easily hackable.

Long-term Consequences: High risk of repeated security breaches and identity theft.

Statement: **Posting exact locations in real-time when traveling alone.**

Short-term Consequences: Immediate safety risk from potential stalkers or criminals.

Long-term Consequences: Ongoing vulnerability to being tracked or targeted.

## **JUST PLAIN STUPID STATEMENTS continued**

Statement: **Trying to become viral by performing dangerous stunts or illegal activities.**

Short-term Consequences: Risk of physical injury or legal trouble.

Long-term Consequences: Permanent negative online presence, impacting future personal and professional opportunities.

Statement: **Creating fake profiles to troll or bully others.**

Short-term Consequences: Hurting others, potential for conflict and getting reported.

Long-term Consequences: Possible legal action, long-lasting damage to personal integrity and empathy.

Statement: **Sharing personal banking or credit card details on a non-secure or public platform.**

Short-term Consequences: Immediate financial risk and fraud.

Long-term Consequences: Long-term financial complications and potentially irreparable damage to credit score and financial reputation.

Statement: **Using an app to auto-accept all friend requests on social media to increase friend count.**

Short-term Consequences: Exposes the user to a wide range of unknown individuals, which can include online predators, scammers, or bullies.

Long-term Consequences: Risks compromising personal safety and privacy and the proliferation of inappropriate or harmful content in their social media feed. Can lead to targeted cyberbullying or digital stalking.

Statement: **Participating in viral online dares or challenges that involve trespassing or other illegal activities.**

Short-term Consequences: Immediate risk of injury, legal trouble, or damaging property.

Long-term Consequences: Could result in a criminal record at a young age, long-lasting impact on future opportunities such as college admissions or employment, and a permanent negative digital footprint.

**WISE** Only  
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**UNWISE**

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**JUST PLAIN** Only  
sample  
**STUPID**

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Trying to become viral by performing dangerous stunts or illegal activities.

Fact-check information before sharing it online to prevent the spread of misinformation.

Posting exact locations in real-time when traveling alone or in small groups.

Using a public figure's name as a password because it's easy to remember – or your birthday!

Sharing personal banking or credit card details on a non-secure public platform.

Having a gossip and making fun of a school friend and posting it as a video – in your school uniform!

Respect others' opinions online, even when they differ from your own.

Creating fake profiles to troll or bully others.

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