TikTok is a fun video app that has exploded in popularity across the world. Below we offer some tips for using it safely and responsibly.

1. **YOUR ACCOUNT DEFAULTS TO PUBLIC.** Set it to private if you don’t want everyone to have access to your videos and comments.

2. **RESIST FROM POSTING PERSONAL OR PRIVATE INFORMATION** (phone number, address, birthdate) in your videos or on your profile.

3. **YOU CAN AUTOMATICALLY HIDE COMMENTS THAT MAY BE SPAMMY OR INAPPROPRIATE.** You can also filter comments based on your own personal keywords. Check your Settings.

4. **YOU CAN CONTROL WHO CAN COMMENT ON YOUR VIDEOS.** Adjust privacy settings to your level of comfort about who can interact with you on the app (Everyone, Friends, No one).

5. **REMEMBER THAT UNLESS YOU’RE FOLLOWING SOMEONE AND THEY ARE FOLLOWING YOU, THEY CAN’T DM (DIRECT MESSAGE) YOU.** So, if you’re receiving a lot of unwanted messages in your inbox, unfollow those people! By default, those under 16 cannot DM.

6. **RESTRICTED MODE WILL HELP KEEP YOUR FOR YOU PAGE MORE KID-FRIENDLY THAN OTHERWISE.** You can enable it under Settings, and Digital Well-Being.

7. **TAKE THE TIME TO REPORT PROBLEMATIC TIKTOKS** (by clicking “Share” and then “Report”), as well as problematic comments (hold your finger on the comment to see a Report option).

8. **STAY IN CONTROL OF THE QUALITY OF YOUR TIKTOK EXPERIENCE** by blocking a user who troubles you in any way. This can be done by going to their profile, tapping the three dots in the top right corner, and selecting “Block.”

9. **YOU CAN CONTROL WHO CAN DUET, STITCH, AND REACT TO YOUR VIDEOS**. See Privacy Settings to set it to Everyone, Friends, or No one.

10. **COMMENT WITH CARE.** Resist commenting in a way that is threatening or hurtful in any way. Sarcasm might also be misinterpreted, and so lean in the direction of being kind. Basically, try not to be a jerk towards others!