Safety Tips on Twitter: Think Before You Tweet

Make your profile private – see this option in 'your settings' on Twitter.com

Try to protect your account from being hacked by not clicking links in Direct Messages. If you think your account has been hacked change your password! If you have trouble logging in, try using the password re-set tool on Twitter support. This can create a new password they will email to you.

Remember, never give out your real address, or any personal details - on Twitter everything you say can be open to the world.

Never give out or share your password – If you are signing in to Twitter through other websites, think carefully if you have to give your password – some scams try to get your log in this way. Could this be a fake Twitter site? How do you know unless you typed the link yourself or used a safe bookmarked link?

Follow Back people you don't know - This can help protect you against Direct Message spam. You can still talk publicly using @replies;

Avoid dangerous messages. Check links are Bit.ly links – the most popular link shortening safe device. Messages can read 'Wow you must see this!' and give a link you do not expect or recognise. Avoid these