



You know how important it is that superheroes keep their identity safe, but do you know that keeping your identity safe is just as important? Let me tell you why!

Personal information is stuff about you. Stuff that people can use to learn things about you, or find out who you are, where you live and what you like and don't like. This stuff can be used to do things that might be annoying, but sometimes it can be used by bad people who will ask you to do bad things, or do bad things to you, just like superheroes could have the bad guys use their personal information.

A long time ago, before the internet existed, keeping everyone's personal information safe was easy. Now though, the internet is everywhere, and has everything on it, and everyone uses it. Billions of different information is kept on it, and billions of people can find it.

Lots of places will ask if they can have your personal information, and that is OK, as long as they promise to keep

it safe and only use it in a way that you are OK with, and you ask a trusted adult, just like Batman asks Alfred.

If you are asked if you are OK to give your personal information to anyone, make sure you find out why they want it, and what they want to do with it, before you say yes. It is good to always find out how they think they will keep your information safe, so you can be sure that no bad people



will be able to get it and use it in a way that might not be good for you.

So, let me tell you about how we will use your information and how we will keep it safe.

We use your information so we can keep you safe, and give you the best time with us that we can while you're a part of our

Threshold DAS family. We will

only share your information with our friends who also want to keep you safe and make sure you're happy.

When you don't need us to be there for you anymore, we keep your information for seven years. This is to make sure that if you ever need us in the future, we have everything we need to welcome you back and start keeping you safe and happy again.

Don't worry though! You're information is super, super safe. We have lots of security, and the stuff we keep on the

internet is guarded by the same people who can keep the Queen's secrets safe!

If you want to know more or have any questions you can ask your Threshold DAS worker anytime. If they don't know the answer, they will ask me, and I know everything!

The really cool thing is, if you change your mind about us, or anyone, having your information, you can ask them to delete it all. You can also ask to see your information if you want to know what we, or anyone else, has. You have the power!

Oh, and one more thing.

If you are not 13 yet, after your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, we will ask you if it is OK to use your information again. Everyone who asks if it is OK to use your information will do this because when you get closer to being a grown up, you start having grown up thoughts, I know, it's pretty scary! You might change your mind about how you feel, so we make sure you're still happy and it is OK to use your information to keep keeping you happy! It's a lot of happy!

So remember to always say **WHAT?**

**Why** do they want it?

**How** will they use it?

**Are** they going to keep it safe?

**Think** before you say it is OK!

