

Cyber Checklist

Geotagging

? **What is geotagging?**

- Geographic location information stored within electronic photographs, videos, websites, and text messages
- Mobile devices, like smart phones, cameras and cell phones, contain a GPS chip that captures a user's latitude, longitude, and time stamp
- Found in social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Gowalla, Foursquare, and Flickr

! **How can geotagging harm me?**

- Geotagging can reveal your current location – as well as your daily commute, shopping habits, office and home address. If you share your location deliberately or accidentally, not only can friends and family track you, but so could criminals, foreign intelligence services, or terrorists.

✓ **What do I do?**

- Find out if your devices and media have geotagging capability
- Consider disabling the geotagging function on your devices
 - Don't know how?
 - Learn about various cell phone settings online or check your device's user manual
 - Check the settings of your social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter
 - Look up your camera's (or other device's) user manual to find the settings
- If you don't want to disable your device, consider removing the metadata before uploading it to your social networking sites or other websites
- Learn more cyber security tips about [social networking sites](#) and [mobile devices](#)

