Disadvantages of Social Networking and How They Are Misused

All social networking sites are initiated by creating a “profile” stating one's personal information as well as hobbies and work history, past and present, as well as photographs. Social networking sites are regularly misused, and can be harmful to one's reputation.

In the article, “Social networking sites: friend or foe?” it states that social networking sites, such as Facebook could be considered a “foe.” These sites have been reported as distractions in the work place, that employees spend lengthy amounts of time on these sites instead of doing their work. Not only are these sites a distraction to employees, but they are a potential risk factor for prospective employers, and could potentially lead to the loss of one’s job. This is very important for teachers to consider, since they are role models in the community and are always being watched. Facebook, Twitter, My Space, and other social networking sites are an open invitation to future employers to discriminate against you without your knowledge. The information given creates an opinion, positive or negative about you and your character. These sites can hinder your professionalism. Lawyers have even entered the “social networking world” for legal purposes. Printing and documenting photos that could potentially influence a judge’s decision in a current trial. Because these sites are open to all ages, as well as provide personal information, individuals are at risk of being attacked by online predators. It is crucial students are aware of internet safety precautions.