Did you know more than half of all social media users share the answers to common security questions online? Posting these answers in your profiles, photos, posts, or comments can be used to change your passwords and hack your accounts.

Be cautious about what you share, especially information like:

- your date of birth
- your mother’s maiden name
- name of your grammar school or grade school teacher
- where you were born
- model of your first car

To protect your information, choose security questions with hard-to-guess answers or provide answers that don’t match the question (like the model of your first car when the question asks where you were born).

Learn more at it.northwestern.edu/security/overview.html