

# Twitter

## Why can Twitter be dangerous

Twitter can be dangerous for many of the same reasons as Facebook. Sharing too much information about yourself makes you more vulnerable to attacks such as social engineering and physical break-ins.

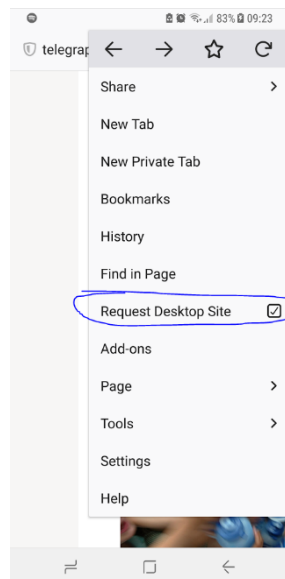
Furthermore, 'link shorteners' in Twitter have misdirected people to malicious websites. So always take care before clicking a shortened link. If it looks suspicious go to the official website that the link should take you to, and access it from there.

To make yourself less vulnerable either delete your Twitter account or improve the privacy settings.

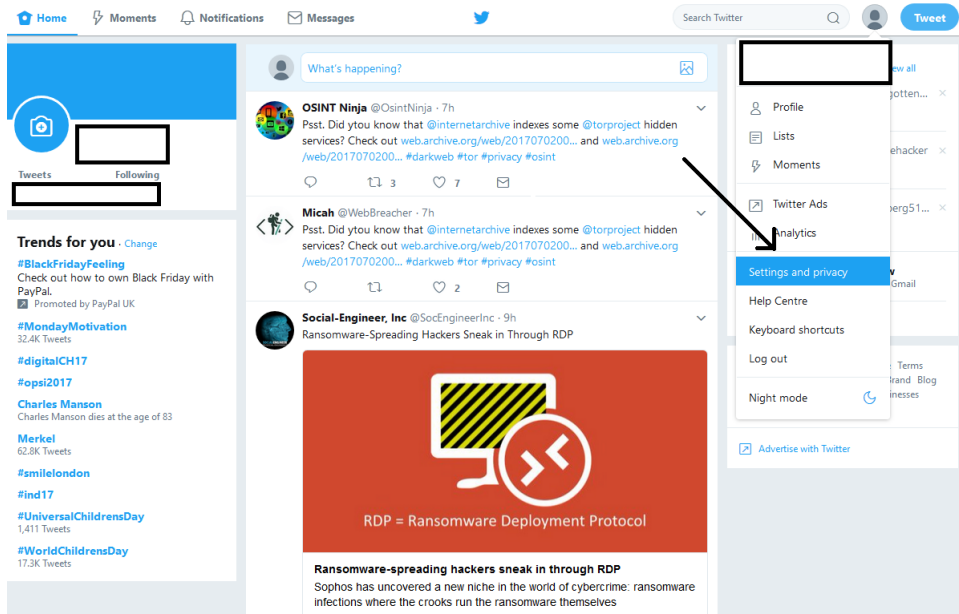
## How to delete Twitter

1. Just like Facebook, you must be signed in on a computer or laptop to change the settings.

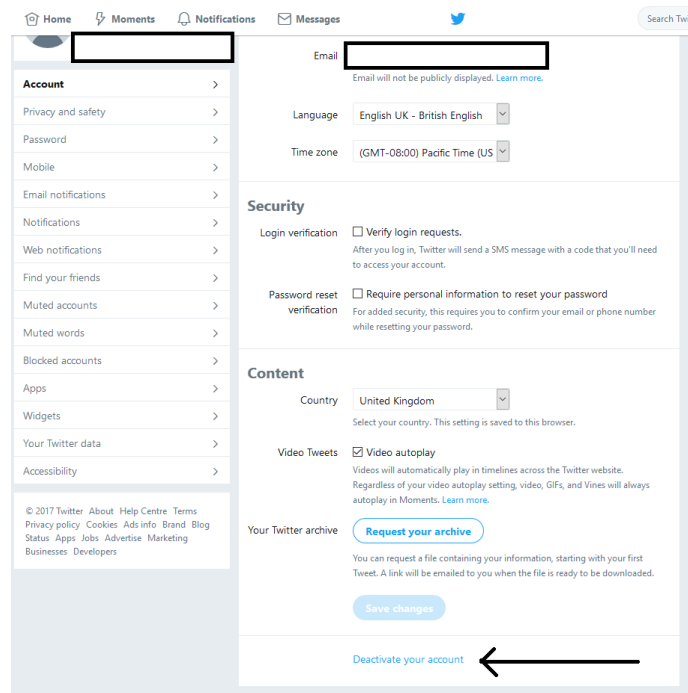
If you're on a mobile device request the desktop version via a browser settings (e.g. chrome, Firefox or internet explorer). Click the three dots in the top right and select request desktop site.



2. First go to settings by clicking on your picture, then settings, then privacy



3. Scroll to the very bottom and click deactivate your account



4. Confirm you want to deactivate your account and enter your password

## Is this goodbye?

Are you sure you don't want to reconsider? Was it something we said? [Tell us.](#)

### Before you deactivate @ [redacted] know this:

- We will only retain your user data for 30 days and then it will be permanently deleted. You can reactivate your account at any point within 30 days of deactivation by logging back in.
- You don't need to deactivate your account to [change your username or Twitter URL](#). You can change it on the [settings](#) page. All @replies and followers will remain unchanged.
- If you want to use this account's username or email address on another Twitter account, [change it](#) before you deactivate. Until the user data is permanently deleted, that information won't be available for use.
- Your account should be removed from Twitter within a few minutes, but some content may be viewable on [twitter.com](#) for a few days after deactivation.
- We have no control over [content indexed by search engines](#) like Google.

Deactivate @ [redacted]

Cancel

## Making Twitter private

1. Go to settings and then privacy and safety
2. Copy the settings below and click delete location information
3. Click the save changes at the very bottom of the page.

**Privacy and safety**

**Privacy**

**Tweet privacy**  **Protect your Tweets**  
If selected, only those you approve will receive your Tweets. Your future Tweets will not be available publicly. Tweets posted previously may still be publicly visible in some places. [Learn more](#).

**Tweet location**  **Tweet with a location**  
If selected, you can add a location to your Tweets, such as your city or precise location, from the web and via third-party applications. This setting does not affect Twitter for iOS or Android. [Learn more](#)

[Delete location information](#)

This will delete location labels you have added to your Tweets. This may take up to 30 minutes.

**Photo tagging**  **Allow anyone to tag you in photos**  
 Only allow people you follow to tag you in photos  
 Do not allow anyone to tag you in photos

**Discoverability**  **Let others find you by your email address**  
 **Let others find you by your phone number**  
This setting will take effect once you add a phone number. [Add now](#)  
[Learn more](#) about how this data is used to connect you with people.

**Address book** [Manage your contacts](#)

Contacts that you've uploaded to Twitter from your address book.

**Personalisation and Data** **Allow some** [Edit](#)  
Control how Twitter personalises content and collects and shares certain data.

**Twitter for teams**  **Allow anyone to add you to their team**  
 Only allow people you follow to add you to their team  
 Do not allow anyone to add you to their team  
Organisations can invite anyone to Tweet from their account using the teams feature in TweetDeck. [Learn more](#).

**Direct Messages**  **Receive Direct Messages from anyone**  
If selected, you will be able to receive messages from any Twitter user even if you do not follow them.

**Send/Receive read receipts**  
When someone sends you a message, people in the conversation will know when you have seen it. If you turn off this setting, you will not be able to see read receipts from other people. [Learn more](#)

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