

What are workers comp investigators allowed to do? Social Media Tips

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DO'S & DON'TS:

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- 2. DO CHANGE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS**
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- 3. DON'T DELETE ANY EXISTING ACCOUNTS**
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