

Better Business Bureau: Don't share your COVID-19 vaccine card on social media

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MILWAUKEE – Got your COVID-19 vaccine? Great job! But don't share a photo of your vaccination card on social media. The self-identifying information on it makes you vulnerable to identity theft and can help scammers create phony versions.

What to watch out for:

You got your COVID-19 inoculation, and you are excited to share the good news and encourage others to do the same. You take a selfie holding your vaccination card and post it to Facebook, Instagram, or another social media platform.

Unfortunately, your card has your full name and birthday on it, as well as information about where you got your vaccine. If your social media privacy settings aren't set high, you may be giving valuable information away for anyone to use.

Sharing your personal information isn't the only issue. Scammers in Great Britain were caught [selling fake vaccination cards on eBay](#) and [TikTok](#). It's only a matter of time before similar cons come to the United States and Canada. Posting photos of your card can help provide scammers with information they can use to create and sell phony ones.

Share safely on social media:

- **Share your vaccine sticker or use a profile frame instead.** If you want to post about your vaccine, there are safer ways to do it. You can share a photo of [your vaccine sticker](#) or [set a frame around your profile picture](#).

- **Review your security settings.** Check your security settings on all social media platforms to see what you are sharing and with whom. If you only want friends and family to see your posts, be sure that's how your privacy settings are configured.

- **Be wary of answering popular social media prompts.** Sharing your vaccine photo is just the latest social trend. Think twice before participating in other viral personal posts, such as listing all the cars you've owned (including makes/model years), favorite songs, and top 10 TV shows. Some of these "favorite things" are commonly used passwords or security questions.