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# Advantages to Making Your Own YouTube Videos

Are you a fan of YouTube? If you enjoy watching free videos online, from a number of different genres, you may be a huge fan of YouTube. Although many internet users only watch videos on YouTube, there are many who also post their own YouTube videos. If you have never done so before, you may be wondering whether or not you really should. To determine whether or not you should make and upload your own videos to the YouTube website, you will want to examine the advantages or the plus sides to doing so.

Perhaps, the biggest advantage to making your own YouTube videos is that your videos can be just about whatever you want them to be. Popular videos on YouTube right now include comedy skits, video blogs, how-to videos, and music videos from up and coming artists. Whether you want to make a video blog of yourself or if you and your friends want to just have fun with a video camera, you can do so.



Of course, when making a YouTube video you will want to use your best judgment. Although YouTube accepts videos on a wide variety of different subjects, you will want to proceed with caution. You should always be cautious of online predators; therefore, you will want to be cautious about divulging too much information about yourself. You might not necessarily think about it, but you also want to make sure that you don't record and post anything illegal on YouTube. It has been said that YouTube regularly works with law enforcement to help solve crimes. That just goes to show that you never really know who is watching your videos or what the consequences for posting them might be.

Another one of the many advantages or pros to making your own YouTube videos is that it is relatively easy to do. Of course, you will need to have a video recording device. What is nice is that there are a number of different recording devices that you can use. For instance, many cell phones now come equipped with video recording capabilities. In addition to cell phones, you should also be able to use traditional camcorders or webcams. For the best quality YouTube video, you will want to have a movie editing software program. Movie editing software programs will not only give you the ability to preview your videos, before uploading them to YouTube, but you should also be able to edit them, if you would like to remove something and so on.



Once you made one of your videos and uploaded it onto your computer, you will find that getting your video uploaded to YouTube's website is just as easy. In fact, that is another one of the many advantages to making your own YouTube videos. Just like actually making the video itself, uploading a YouTube video is as easy as it can be. If you have never uploaded a video to YouTube before, you should be able to do, with ease. The YouTube uploading learning curve is so easy that you if you continue to make videos for the YouTube website you will be uploading them and sharing them with the internet community in no time at all.

Another benefit of making your own videos and uploading them to YouTube comes after the fact. After you have uploaded your videos to YouTube and they are available for viewing, anyone with an internet connection can visit the YouTube website to view your videos. This means that just one of you videos may be seen by thousands of people! In fact, if those viewers are registered members of YouTube they can rate your YouTube videos or even leave comments for you. This feature is nice because it gives you positive and sometimes even negative feedback; feedback that can be taken into consideration if and when you choose to make any more YouTube videos.

As you can see, there are a number of pros or advantages to making your own videos to share on YouTube. As you likely know, there are also a number of disadvantages to doing so as well, including safety. However, as long as you display caution when making a YouTube video or when talking with other YouTube members, your YouTube video making experience should be a positive one.



## Benefits of Registering With YouTube

Do you enjoy watching videos on YouTube? Even if you have never visited YouTube before, you are urged to do so, as you will likely find it fun, exciting, and entertaining. YouTube is a video sharing website which allows internet users, just like you, to upload and share videos that they have made. Perhaps, the greatest thing about YouTube is that it is free.

When visiting the YouTube website to watch videos, you can do so without having to create a YouTube account. Despite not being required to create a YouTube account, you may want to look into doing so, as there are a number of benefits to being a YouTube member. Just a few of those benefits are outlined below.

One of the many benefits to registering for a free YouTube account is that it is relatively easy to do. When you sign up for a free YouTube account, you need to provide a little bit of information about yourself. This information includes your name, the country that you live in, your zip code, your date of birth, as well as your gender. You will also need to create a YouTube user name for yourself, as well as a password. Your password and user name will be used to log into your account. Signing up for a YouTube account should take only a few minutes of your time, at the most.

Once you have created a free YouTube account for yourself, you can then begin to enjoy the many other benefits of having a YouTube account. One of those benefits is the ability to rate videos that you watch, as well as leave comments. As it was previously mentioned, you can watch videos on YouTube without having a YouTube account, but you cannot rate videos or leave comments for the video owner. Rating YouTube videos gives other



YouTube uses an idea as to which videos are high in demand, which, in turn, can lead to more of your favorite videos being found on the YouTube site. That is just one of the many reasons why you should not only sign up for a free YouTube account, but also rate YouTube that you watch or leave comments.

In addition to being able to rate or review videos, registering for a free YouTube account also gives you the option of sharing your videos with other internet users. Non-registered YouTube members are unable to upload and share any videos that they may have made. If you have never shared videos online, you may want to think about doing so, as they are fun to make. Many of the videos currently found on YouTube are comedy skits, video blogs, and candid videos. All you really need to have is a video recording device, such as a cell phone, webcam, or camcorder, and a movie editing software program, which now comes standard on most computers.

As it was previously stated, creating a membership account with YouTube is free and it should only take a few minutes of your time. If you enjoy using the internet as a source of entertainment, you will not only want to visit YouTube, but you will also want to take the few minutes needed to register for a free account. In the end, you will likely be pleased with your decision to do so.



# Cons of Making Your Own YouTube Videos

Are you interested in making your own videos to upload to YouTube? While a large number of YouTube members do so, you may want to seriously examine your decision before actually making it. As nice as sharing YouTube videos with the rest of the YouTube community can be, there are some cons or disadvantages to doing so. Just a few of the most popular ones are briefly touched on below.

Perhaps, the biggest con to making your own YouTube video is that you don't actually know who will end up watching it. Many YouTube video submitters don't necessarily know that anyone can watch their videos. YouTube gives internet users, even those who don't bother to register for a free YouTube account, the ability to watch videos on their website. Yes, the good news is that your video may be viewed by thousands of people, but do you really want that many people to see your YouTube videos? That is a question that you will definitely want to ask yourself before uploading your first YouTube video.

One of the reasons why it is advised that you determine ahead of time, whether or not you really want to share your videos with the rest of the world is because once you do it may be too late. YouTube allows video submitters to pull their videos from the site, should they change their mind about having a particular video posted online. While this is nice and the removal happens right away, it may already be too late. A large number of internet users are able to copy or save videos that they find online, including YouTube



videos. Should your video fall into the wrong hands, it may never really disappear, as you may find it posted on other area of the internet.

Another con or disadvantage to making your own YouTube videos is that strangers essentially get to know you. The amount of information they find out about you will depend on the video type that you submit to YouTube. For instance, a stranger watching your YouTube video may be able to learn more about you if you posted a video blog than they would if you posted a comedy skit that you made with your friends. That is why you should not only think about whether or not you want to post a video on YouTube, but you should also think about your safety. Keeping internet safety in mind, like not divulging too much personal information, is a great way to enjoy YouTube without any dangers.

As you likely already know, you need to have a few items to be able to upload videos to the YouTube website. If you are planning on making videos just for YouTube, you will need to have a video recording device. The good news is that there are a number of devices that can be used, including camcorders, cell phones, and webcams. You should also have movie editing software installed on your computer, as it will enable you to review or even edit your YouTube videos before posting them. If you have an older computer, you may need to purchase a movie editing software program, but many new computers come with these types of programs already installed.

Although it may seem like there are a large number of cons or disadvantages to making and sharing videos on YouTube, there are actually a number of benefits to doing so as well. One of those benefits is that it is easy to do. Once you have your video installed on your computer and edited, if you wish to do so, the uploading process is really easy. In fact, YouTube explains the



uploading process in an easy, step-by-step way. Even if you don't have a lot of experience with using computers, you should easily be able to upload one of your videos to YouTube.

If you would like to upload a video to YouTube, after carefully thinking about your decision to do so, you will need to register with YouTube to get a free account. This account will not only enable you to share your videos with the internet community, but it will also allow you to rate videos that you watch or even have online discussions with other YouTube members.



## **Have a Question About YouTube? Why You Should Visit YouTube's Help Center**

Are you interested in using YouTube? If so, you are definitely not alone. Each day, thousands of internet users visit the YouTube website. Many are interested in watching an unlimited number of different videos, all from different categories, and others are interested in actually uploading and sharing their own videos. While using YouTube can sometimes be considered self-explanatory, there may come a time when you have questions about the site. If and when that time comes, you will want to visit YouTube's help center.

When it comes to visiting YouTube's help center to get their questions asked, there are many individuals who actually wonder why they should do so. While this question may seem a little bit ironic, it isn't that uncommon. There are many internet users who say that some website help centers are useless, as they don't provide very good or detailed information. The good news for you, particularly if you have a YouTube question that you want answered, is that the YouTube website is not like that at all. Their help center is actually very helpful!

When visiting YouTube's help center, you will find that you can seek help on a wide variety of different subjects. One of those subjects involves making your own YouTube videos. If you have yet to make your video yet, you may be wondering what type of video you can make, per YouTube's guidelines. You can find information on acceptable video content, as well as tips on how to make your videos have the best quality at the YouTube help center.



You if you are interested in uploading a video to YouTube, but it is your first time doing so, you may be wondering more about the process. YouTube explains, in their help center or section, exactly how you can upload your videos, in a step-by-step fashion. You are also given information on how long it could take for your YouTube videos to upload, as well as what to do if a problem occurs. If you are new to uploading videos on YouTube, the YouTube help center or section is a must see for you.

If you prefer watching videos on YouTube, instead of uploading your own, you may have a few questions about making the most out of YouTube. For instance, if you visit a YouTube video page, you may be able to see that video being talked about or rated. What you might not know is that you have to be a YouTube member to rate, review, or discuss movies. Additional perks that you can get from being a YouTube member are outlined in the YouTube help center. In fact, if you have yet to register for a free YouTube account, you can get information on doing so, as well as to reasons why you should, there too.

As it was mentioned above, visiting the YouTube help center will make it easier for you to know what YouTube is all about or what you can do on the site. That is just one of the many reasons as to why you should visit YouTube's help center, whether or not you even have a question. YouTube's help center is arranged in a nice, easy to use way; therefore, exploring the help center should actually only take a few minutes of your time, but the information that you walk away with may be able to help you for years to come.

# High School Students: Why You Must Display Caution When Using YouTube

Are you a high school student who enjoys using YouTube? You might not only enjoy watching videos on YouTube, but you may also like to make and share your own videos. Even if you are in high school, you can do so with YouTube, as YouTube allows those thirteen and older to share their videos. While this can be fun to do, you need to display some caution when making your YouTube videos.

Display caution when making your YouTube videos? If you are wondering why you need to do so, aside from the obvious safety concerns, you might be wondering why all the worry. What you may not realize is that your online content, including your YouTube videos, may be watched by those who are associated with your school. Those views may come from your friends, other classmates, or even school officials. That is why it is extremely important that you thoroughly examine your YouTube video content and make sure that no harm can come to you later on.

When it comes to YouTube video content that you should avoid, particularly if you are a high school student, the most obvious is illegal activities. You do not want to have video of yourself or your friends drinking underage, doing drugs, or committing another crime, no matter how minor it may seem. As it was previously mentioned, you never really know who will come across your videos. With the way that high schools and gossip works today, if one of your classmates found a video of yours on YouTube it is likely that they wouldn't keep that video to themselves; they will almost always share it with others that they know.



Another type of video content that you may want to avoid is content that is offensive to other students at your school. This type of content most commonly comes up in video blogs. Many internet users use video blogs to vent their frustrations or talk about their day. If you are a high school student, there is a good chance that you may want to discuss school, your friends, or your classmates. While this is more than possible to do, you will want to refrain from sounding too negative or even threatening. Although you may just be joking, “I’m so mad I could kill her,” could be taken out of context by someone viewing your YouTube video, whether it is a video blog or not.

As it was previously mentioned, one of the many individuals who could end up viewing your YouTube videos are your classmates or even school officials. While we would all like to believe that our classmates are cool, not all of them are. Should one of your classmates find a video on YouTube that they found offensive or poor in taste, they may report it to your school. Speaking of your school, your school officials may even come across your YouTube videos, as many schools are now using the internet, namely social networking sites, to monitor their students and their activities. Having illegal activities documented in your YouTube videos could spell trouble for you, in more ways than one.

When it comes to YouTube videos with illegal activities or threats documented in them, the consequences that you suffer, if any, will all depend on the school district in question. It is not uncommon for school districts to suspend students that they find doing illegal activities, even if those activities were not committed on school properties. Should you participate in extra circular activities, including sports, you have find



yourself suspended from all sports teams or other school sponsored organizations, temporarily or even permanently. In serious situations, like where threats against other students have been documented, it is not uncommon for the authorities to be contacted.

As you can see, there are serious consequences to not thinking before making and sharing your videos on YouTube. All high school students, including you, are urged to think about your future, before using YouTube as a source of fun entertainment.



# How and Why You Should Market Your YouTube Videos

Do you enjoy uploading videos that you made to the YouTube website? If so, you may be pleased with all of the traffic that you get. YouTube is known to get thousands of visitors a day. For you, this means that your YouTube videos may be watched by thousands of people or more! As much traffic as YouTube brings you and your videos, you may be looking for more. If you are, you will want to examine other ways to market your YouTube videos. Just a few of the many marketing approaches that you can take are outlined below.

Perhaps, the easiest way to market your YouTube videos is to let friends, family members, or coworkers know that you have videos available for viewing on YouTube. For the best chance of success, you are advised to email the direct links for your YouTube videos to those that you know. If you just happen to mention having your videos on YouTube to a friend in passing, let them know what your videos are about or what your YouTube screen name is. YouTube allows site visitors to browse through all of their videos or search for something in particular, like one of your videos.

Another one of the many ways that you can market your YouTube video is by having any of your videos appear on any websites or blogs that you have. What is nice about YouTube is that you can easily get a few HTML codes. Those codes will enable you or any other internet users to post a YouTube video online. It is not uncommon for bloggers to insert a YouTube video in their blog, by using generated HTML codes. It is advised that you post your own YouTube videos on your own websites, but if you know of anyone else



who has a blog, you may want to think about giving them the needed HTML codes to have your YouTube video appear on their blog. In most cases, you will find that even strangers are willing to do so, as long as your YouTube video is connected, in one way or another, to their blog or website.

You can also market your YouTube videos on online message boards. Online message board marketing can be done two different ways. For instance, there are a large number of online message boards that let you discuss or share anything, in general, with other board members. You may want to think about posting links to some of your YouTube videos, especially if you think the other members would enjoy watching them. If you belong to an online message board or forum that allows you to have a signature, you will want to look into doing so. Your signature will always appear at the end of each of your messages; therefore, the more active you are online, the more exposure your YouTube videos are likely to get.

Now that you know a few ways that you can go about marketing your YouTube videos to other internet users, you may be wondering exactly why you should. As it was mentioned above, YouTube, alone, is likely to generate thousands of viewers for your videos. If you are looking for more views, whether just to increase your online popularity or to help you get new clients, if you connect your YouTube videos to your business somehow, you will want to take the time to market your YouTube videos. What is nice is that you have a number of different methods available, including the three mentioned above, and most are free. In fact, marketing your YouTube videos to other internet users isn't only free, but it is easy to. Many marketing tactics will only take up a few minutes of your time, if even that.



The decision as to whether or not you want further market your YouTube videos is yours to make. If you find yourself unsatisfied or unhappy with your current YouTube viewer ship, you may want to think about doing a little bit of your own marketing.



# How to Make a YouTube Video

Are you interested in making your own videos to upload to YouTube and to share with the rest of the internet community? If you are and if this is your first time trying to do so, you may be wondering how you can go about making your own videos. Although the process of making a YouTube video may seem like a complicated one, it isn't necessarily. Even those with a low amount of computer knowledge are able to successfully make their own videos, many of which later end up on YouTube.

The first step in making a YouTube video is to get a video recording device. Video recording devices come in a number of different formats. For instance, it is possible to use cell phones, webcams, or traditional camcorders. If you are interested in using your cell phone to help you make a YouTube video, you will need to make sure that your cell phone has video recording capabilities. You will find that most new, modern cell phones do. For the best quality videos, you want to use traditional camcorders, particularly digital ones, but webcams are also nice low-cost alternatives.

Once you have a video recording device in your possession, you can start to make your own videos. Popular videos on YouTube include video blogs, comedy skits, how-to videos, or travel videos. You can make just about whatever type of video you want, whether it is one that is staged or just recording spur of the moment activities or conversations. When making a YouTube video, it is important to remember that YouTube doesn't limit the number of videos you can submit, but all videos must be ten minutes or less, if you have a traditional YouTube membership account. Therefore, if you want to have videos be longer than ten minutes, you either need to upgrade your account or make your videos in different segments.



When making your YouTube video, you will want to make sure that the quality is good. For this, it is a good idea to speak directly into the camera or else use raised voices. This will help to ensure that those watching your videos on YouTube can actually understand what you are saying. It is also advised that you make sure the lighting is good. The best time to make movies is during the day. If you want to make your movies at night, whether they take place inside or outdoors, you will want to make sure that you have the appropriate amount of lighting. Nothing is worse than watching a video that is hard to see.

Although there are a number of steps, like the ones mentioned above, which you can take to ensure that your YouTube videos are quality ones, there is a way that you can fix problems later on. You can do this with movie editing software. Moving editing software allows you to preview and edit your videos, should you wish to do so before uploading them to YouTube. If you have a relatively new computer, you should be able to find movie editing software already on your computer. If you are unable to find movie editing software, you should be able to get free software programs or even purchase deluxe software programs online or from one of your local media stores.

The decision as to whether or not you want to edit your videos, before sharing them on YouTube, is yours to make, but it is advised that you at least look into doing so, especially if your computer already has a movie editing program. You will want to watch your movies and see if there is anything that you would like to edit, change, or remove. If so, the time to do it is before you post your video on the YouTube website. Editing your YouTube videos or at least previewing them first is likely to improve their quality, which, in turn, will help to improve the exposure that your YouTube videos



get. Many YouTube members share videos that they find interesting with those that they know and your videos may be one of them.



# Making a YouTube Video: Pieces You Should Try

Do you enjoy watching videos on YouTube? If you do, have you ever thought about making your own YouTube videos? While making a YouTube video may seem like a complicated process, it actually isn't one. YouTube makes it so easy for you to upload your videos that the hardest part isn't actually uploading them, but making them.

When it comes to making a YouTube video, one of the biggest problems a person has, especially a first time YouTube video maker, is deciding what type of video they should make. Of course, you have the option to make whichever type of video you want, within YouTube's guidelines of course, but there are a few video pieces that you may want to closely examine, as they are great for beginners.

One of the most popular video types currently found on YouTube are video blogs. Video blogs seem as if they are taking over traditional, printed blogs. Instead of venting about their day in print, many bloggers are now getting in front of the camera. Video blogs are easy to make, as you pretty much just summarize what is going on in your life. Of course, you need to keep safety in mind, when making a YouTube video blog. If you want to outline your day, week, or month for other internet users to see, you will want to do so without giving up too much information about yourself, like your full name, address, or phone numbers.

Another one of the most popular video types currently found on YouTube are comedy videos. Comedy videos tend to include standup comedy, skits,



as well as comedy sketches. If you have aspirations to be a comedian or even if you and your friends just like being funny, you may have the makings of a great YouTube video. Of course, if you are making a comedy video that involves other people, like your friends, you need to make sure that they know that you are planning on uploading the video to YouTube, for the entire world to see.

If you would like to create a more serious YouTube video, one that may be used for informational purposes only, you may want to think about creating a how-to video or a do it yourself (DIY) video. These types of videos are great for first time YouTube video submitters. If you are interested in creating a how-to video, you will want to make a video on something that you enjoy or one of your hobbies. For instance, if you like making your own candles, you may want to think about making a YouTube video or multiple video segments on how to do so.

If you enjoy playing video games, you may also want to make a YouTube video about them. As it was previously mentioned, there are a large number of first time YouTube video submitters who prefer making videos about something that they know or love. If you have an old video game or even just a traditional, vintage board game, you may want to make a YouTube video on it. Your video could include information on the history of the game or even tips on how to play it, and so on.

As you can, there are an unlimited number of video pieces that you can create for yourself and a large number of them are perfect for your first YouTube video. If you are looking for more information on popular YouTube videos, you are urged to examine the YouTube site. You can easily examine a video's popularity by looking at its ratings or by seeing how much



it is being discussed. Examining currently posted YouTube videos is a great way to give you ideas. It is also likely to up your chances of making a YouTube video that will be popular; one that will be watched or one that will be talked about.

The decision as to what YouTube video you want to post as your first one is yours to make, but you may want to think about starting out small. After you have tested the waters, you can move onto bigger and better YouTube videos, should you wish to do so.

# **Making YouTube Videos: Safety Tips You Should Know**

Do you enjoy making short videos or movies? If you do, you will love YouTube. YouTube is an online video sharing website that lets internet users, like you, upload videos that they made to the website, where they can be viewed by others. Although it is fun and exciting to make and share your own YouTube videos, you will want to display some caution when doing so. Posting videos on YouTube can be dangerous, especially if improperly done. That is why it is advised that you always keep internet safety in the back of your mind, when creating your YouTube videos.

Perhaps, the most important safety tip that you need to remember is to protect your identity. You will want to refrain from mentioning your name in your YouTube videos, especially your full name. You will also want to refrain from mentioning your address in any of your YouTube videos. While you may think that mentioning the city or town that you live in is okay, as long as you don't give your street address, you may want to rethink doing so. There are a large number of internet users who are resourceful; with the right information, they can easily find out important information about you, including where you live.

One of the reasons why YouTube is so popular, aside from the fact that you can watch or upload movies to the YouTube site for free, is the fact that you can rate, leave comments, or talk about YouTube videos with other internet users. If you talk with certain members enough you may end up developing a close online friendship with them. Still, it is advised that you keep the previously mentioned safety tip in mind; do not give out any of your personal



information. Whenever you use the internet, whether you are using YouTube or not, you need to remember that it is difficult, if not impossible, to verify who is sitting behind the computer screen on the other end of your conversation. No matter what online exchanges take place, you will want to protect your identity.

When it comes to internet users further researching you, many YouTube video submitters wonder why anyone would do such a thing. While different individuals have different motives, you should always assume that those motives are not in your best interest. As stated above, different internet users have different motives, but one thing that seems to motivate them is seductive or attractive looking internet users. Even if you are creating a video blog or a comedy skit, you will want to keep a close eye on your appearance. Of course, you will want to look your best, but you want to be sure not to take it too far, as many can misinterpret your intentions; possibly putting you in harms way.

It is also advised that you be careful with what you post online, if you are making a video of yourself and your friends. You need to make sure that all video stars know your intentions of posting the video for sharing on YouTube. If you have a video that you shot candidly, you need to use your best judgment. You want to be cautious of ingraining on anyone's privacy, as it may not only reflect negatively on you, but it may also land you in hot water. It is also advised that you refrain from posting clips of movies, television shows, or music videos that you do not have rights to. This is a violation of copyright. In most cases, your YouTube video will simply be pulled, but, in rare instances, you may be faced with legal action.



The previously mentioned safety tips are just a few of the many that you will want to keep in mind, when making a video to upload on to the YouTube website. In all honesty, it is best if you just use your best judgment. Should you feel uncomfortable doing something, like just making a YouTube video in general, you are advised to listen to your gut, as it is often the best sign of trouble to come.

## **Making YouTube Videos: Why You Need to Be Cautious of Work from Others**

Are you interested in making your own video to be displayed on the YouTube website? If you are, you may be wondering what type of video you should make. While there are a large number of different YouTube videos that you can make and share with other internet users, there are certain types of videos that you may want to avoid. One of those videos involves video content that isn't actually yours.

When it comes to making your own YouTube videos, you will want to make sure that the videos are actually yours. It is common to find videos on YouTube that have similar ideas or concepts; that is okay. What is not okay is actually using someone else's work. This is actually illegal, as many videos, television shows, movies, and music videos are protected by copyright laws. Copyright laws aim to protect those who legally own a piece of work, like a television show, movie, or music video. Since someone else's work is often protected by law, you could suffer serious consequences for using someone else's work, especially if you try and claim it as your own.

What you need to remember about copyright laws is that they include every second or word of the piece in question. For instance, there are some YouTube video owners who think that they can show different clips of their favorite movies, music videos, or television shows. Many believe since they are not showing the item in its entirety, they are safe from breaking any copyright laws, but that is not how it works. You are required to seek permission from those holding the rights to a music video, movie, or



television show before using any part of it, even a clip that only last a few seconds.

One aspect of copyrighting, that you need to take into consideration is, which many people are unfamiliar with, surrounds public venues or public events. Did you know that if you take a video of a popular sports event or a concert, you may be unable to post that video online? In most cases, you will find that no issue is raised by opposing parties, but you never really know until a problem arises. In many cases, the venue that hosted the event could claim that they have the rights to your video, as it documents an event that took place on their property. It is also not uncommon for the individual or individuals in question to claim that they own the copyright of any videos taken, as the video focuses on them. That is why you may want to proceed with caution before uploading sporting event videos or concert videos to the YouTube website.

As it was previously mentioned, there are consequences to violating copyrighting laws. In most cases, you will find that the consequences depend on the parties involve, as they often have the most say in what action is taken. If you post a video on YouTube and the video wasn't yours or contains illegal clips, your video will likely be removed right away. As previously mentioned, the parties involves, most commonly the copyright owners, may wish to have you prosecuted or fined; the decision is often theirs to make.

As you can see, there are a number of different reasons as to why you need to be careful when making and sharing videos on the YouTube website. In all honesty, you just need to use your head. You wouldn't want someone taking the credit for your hard work, would you?



## **Parents: The Importance of Discussing YouTube with Your Children**

Are you a parent? If so, is your child old enough to use the internet? If you have a child who is high school or even middle school, there is a good chance that you are concerned with internet safety, as you should be. Online, there are a large number of websites, including YouTube, which appeal to your children. The only problem with these websites is that if they are not properly used, they can be dangerous. That is why it is advised that you discuss popular internet sites, like YouTube, with your children.

When it comes to discussing YouTube with their children, there are many parents who wonder exactly what YouTube is. If you have never heard of YouTube or visited it before, it is advised that you do before talking to your children about it. Once you visit the YouTube website, you will see that it is a video sharing website. Those who are thirteen years and older are able to register for a free YouTube account. Once an account has been registered, those with accounts can watch YouTube videos, rate them, or discuss them with other YouTube members, as well as share their own videos online.

With YouTube safety, most of the focus should be placed on uploading and sharing videos, but it is also important that you touch on watching videos as well. There are a number of YouTube videos that have adult content. While YouTube tries to ensure that each of these videos is marked, in one way or another, not all are. You will want to remind your child they are they are just, a child. You may even want to put limits on the type of videos that they watch. For instance, it is more that possible to find educational videos on YouTube, like how-to guides. It may be a good idea for your children to view



those types of videos, as they will likely receive a little bit of education at the same time.

As previously stated, most of the focus should be placed on uploading videos to YouTube. In the past, a large number of YouTube members posted videos that had clips from their favorite movies, television shows, or music videos. Due to copyright issues, YouTube is trying to cut down on these types of videos, as they are actually illegal without the proper permission. You may want to explain this to your children, as they may not be familiar with copyrights and how they work. In most cases, should your children post a video on YouTube that they don't have permission to do, the video will likely be removed, but as more and more companies are fed up with their work being displayed on the internet, more serious action may be taken.

It is also important that you talk to your children about safety, when sharing a video on YouTube or even when making a video with the sole purpose of putting it on the YouTube website. One popular type of video that many young adults, including high school students, are making are video blogs. Video blogs are like traditional blogs, where they outline the happenings in one's life, but they are in video format. The only problem with video blog is that many YouTube members are sitting right in front of the camera, exposing their faces for everyone to see. While this can be considered safe, giving out too much information, while showing your face isn't. You will want to let your children know that they shouldn't, under any circumstances, give out their full name, their address, or their phone numbers, even cell phone numbers.

It is also advised that you talk to your children about internet predators. Although YouTube members are able to talk to each other, the dangers of meeting online predators aren't as high as on traditional social networking



sites, like MySpace, but the threat still exists. Let your children know that you do not want him or her talking to other YouTube members, as they never really know who is behind the computer. If you and your children cannot reach an agreement, you may want to think about blocking the YouTube website from your computers.



# Pros and Cons of Making Your Own YouTube Videos

Are you one of the millions of internet users who enjoy watching free videos on YouTube? If you are, the thought of creating your own YouTube video may have crossed your mind; has it? If so, you may be wondering whether or not you should make your own YouTube video and then upload it to the YouTube website. When making your decision, it is advised that you can examine the pros and cons of doing so.

When it comes to making your own YouTube video, there are a number of cons or downsides to doing so. Perhaps, the biggest downside to making your own video and then uploading it to YouTube is that you are essentially sharing the video with the whole world. Many individuals mistakenly believe that their videos will only be seen by YouTube members, but that isn't the truth. Any internet user, even those without a YouTube account, can view videos on YouTube. In fact, it is not uncommon for YouTube video viewers to email a YouTube video link to those that they know. Therefore, the views that your YouTube videos may get may be more than you ever expected or wanted.

Since any video that you upload to the YouTube website can be viewed by just about anyone with an internet connection, you may want to be careful with the amount of information that you disclose. For instance, if you are doing a video blog, you might not want to give your real name or at least not your full name. It is also important that you don't mention where you live. If you want, you may want to outline the state that you reside in, but never give the city or town, especially if you disclose your name. You will want to



try and refrain from giving any personal information to any YouTube member, even those who send you personal messages asking for information. As with most online website, YouTube can be a dangerous place, but you should be able to stay safe as long as you stay aware.

Although there are a few downsides or cons to uploading your videos to the YouTube website, there are also a number of pros or plus sides to doing so. One of those pros is ease of use. Even if you consider yourself to be unskilled with computers, you should still be able to make, upload, and share your video or videos on YouTube. In all honesty, all you need is a video recording device, like a camcorder or a webcam, and a movie editing software program, which now comes standard with most computers. Once you have your video on your computer and edited, if you wish to do so, you will just need to follow YouTube's step-by-step uploading instructions and then your video should be ready for sharing, in as little as a few minutes.

Another pro to using YouTube to share your own videos with other internet users is uses. Although a large number of internet users use YouTube videos for fun or for personal reasons, there are many others who use them for business or at least to up their exposure. You need to remember that millions of internet users watch videos on YouTube. While your YouTube video will be unlikely to get one million views, you could get quite a bit. Whether you are advertising your services, like as a website designer or an online actress, you can do so through YouTube. The only thing that you will want to do is try to not take the spam approach. If you are advertising yourself as a website designer, try taking a few videos of you making a website or use your video to explore websites that you have made. Simply adding your business information at the end of the video is a great way to



get your point across, but without making your YouTube video seem as it is an advertisement.

As you can see, there are a number of advantages and disadvantages, or pros and cons, to making your own YouTube videos. As stated above, it is advised that you use your best judgment. Of course, you can post a video on YouTube if you want to do so, but just make sure that you are doing so safely.



# The Importance of Knowing and Following All YouTube Rules

Are you interested in joining the YouTube community? If you are, you will need to register for a free YouTube membership account. To register, you need to fill out a short form, which will ask you a few personal questions. In a matter of minutes, you can be on your way to rating or reviewing the YouTube videos you watch or even uploading your own videos! How fun does that sound?

Although YouTube is a lot of fun, whether you are only interested in watching videos or if you want to upload your own, YouTube, like all other online websites, has a number of rules and restrictions. It is not only important that you know those rules, but that you follow them, as there are a number of consequences for not. Just a few of the rules enforced on YouTube are outlined below.

If you are only interested in watching YouTube videos, not necessarily uploading your own, you will find that there are less rules and restrictions for you. One of the most common rules surrounds registering for a free YouTube account. Only a minimal amount of personal information is asked of you, like your name, country, zip code, birth date, and gender, but you are advised to be truthful. Also, there is no need for you to create multiple YouTube accounts. Should you forget your YouTube login information, you should be able to follow YouTube's instructions to retrieve your YouTube sign in name, as well as your password.



Another rule that many YouTube video watchers have to follow concerns leaving comments on YouTube video pages or participating in the YouTube forums. Whenever you leave comments for a YouTube video submitter, you are advised to use your best judgment. Of course, you are able to leave negative feedback, if you want, but you are advised to do so in a tasteful matter. You will want to avoid foul language and definitely do not threaten any other YouTube members. Doing so, will likely not only get your message revoked, but you may also have your YouTube account suspended.

As it was previously mentioned, if you are planning on uploading videos to YouTube and sharing them with other internet users, you are more likely to find a larger number of rules to follow. One of those rules involves the content of your video. You are advised against posting content that is illegal in nature. YouTube encourages you to use caution when making your videos, as you never really know who will be watching them. For instance, now many police departments are starting to use the internet to help them solve crimes. So, not only do you have to worry about online predators viewing your YouTube videos, but you also have to worry about law enforcement doing the same thing.

In connection with your YouTube video content, you also need to make sure that your video content is actually yours. In recent times, there have been many instances where YouTube made it on the news for having a large number of copyright materials on their website. This is illegal. You will want to make sure that videos you post online were actually made by you. Before using music clips, television clips, or movie clips, you need to get permission to do so. If you fail to get permission, you are, essentially, stealing someone's work.



The above mentioned rules are just a few of the many that you may be expected to follow when using YouTube. As it was stated above, one consequence to violating the YouTube rules is having your account suspended. If you submitted a video that went against YouTube's guidelines, your video may be removed. Should you be caught committing a crime, whether it be using drugs, drinking underage, or taping a robbery, you may also be prosecuted for your actions. That is why, for your own safety and wellbeing, you not only need to know all of YouTube's rules, but you also follow them at all times.



# Uploading Your Videos to YouTube

Are you interested in uploading any videos that you may have made to the YouTube website? YouTube is a website that is often referred to as a video sharing website. It allows internet users, like you, to upload and share any videos that they have made. With a large number of members and site visitors, having your video or videos displayed on YouTube is likely to get your videos thousands of views!

If this is your first time uploading a video to the YouTube website, you may be wondering exactly how you can go about doing so. The good news is that uploading videos to YouTube is a relatively easy process. YouTube not only gives you step-by-step instructions on how to upload your videos, but they also provide you with video uploading tips; tips that will not only make it possible for your videos to be uploaded, but tips that will also help to improve their quality.

If you have used YouTube before, even just to watch videos, you likely already know that you need to have a YouTube account before you can start uploading and sharing your videos. Registering for you a YouTube account is not only free, but it is also easy. You only need to answer a few personal questions. For instance, you are asked your name, your zip code, the country you live in, your email address, your birth date, and your gender. Once you submit the registration form, you will be sent a verification email. Once you have followed the instructions in that email, you should be able to start uploading videos to YouTube right away.

Before uploading your video to the YouTube website, you will need to get it on your computer. Once you have done so, you will want to review it. This



can be done with a movie editing software program. Should you wish to edit your video before submitting it to YouTube, now is the time to do so. When editing your YouTube video or saving it, YouTube encourages to you save it as a .Divx or .Xvid file. They also suggest making sure that your audio is in the .mp3 format. Once you have officially saved your video on your computer, you can begin to upload it to the YouTube website.

The first step is to make sure that you are signed into your YouTube account. Once you are, you will need to click on the “Upload Videos,” link, which can be found at the top of the YouTube website. You will then be brought to a page where you will be asked to describe your video. YouTube requests that you are descriptive as possible. Once you have entered in as much information about your video as you can, you will then need to click on the “Go Upload a File,” link. This will allow you to select a file from your computer; the file that contains your recently saved video. Once you have selected the right video, your video will automatically start uploading, after have confirmed your actions.

Speaking of the uploading process, you will find that the amount of time it takes for your video to upload to the YouTube website will vary. The larger your video file size is, the longer it will take for your video to upload to the YouTube website. In all honesty, YouTube states that it could only take a few minutes, but that it could also take as long as an hour. In addition to the size of your video file, the type of internet connection you have will also have an impact on your upload times. For instance, if you have a dialup internet connection, it will take longer for your videos to upload than it would if you had DSL or cable internet.



YouTube states that within twenty-four hours of your video being uploaded, your video should appear listed under the correct category, as well as appear in YouTube video searches. This is when your videos will start seeing the most views, as many internet users search for videos that meet their interests.

## Video Categories Found On YouTube

Are you looking to use the internet as a source of entertainment? With high movie renting costs, cable costs, and satellite TV costs, many people are starting to turn to the internet. One of the reasons for that is because the internet is a great source of entertainment. There are a large number of websites, including YouTube, can that literally leave you laughing or crying for hours.

If you are looking for videos to watch online, as it was previously mentioned, you are urged to visit YouTube. YouTube is a video sharing website that allows internet users, just like you, to not only watch videos, but also share their own. Allowing other internet users to upload their own videos is one of the reasons why YouTube has become so popular and it is one of the many reasons why YouTube has an unlimited number of videos to choose from. In fact, YouTube has so many videos to choose from that they had to categorize them all, which actually makes it easier to find YouTube videos that interest you, as a viewer.

One of the most popular YouTube video categories is comedy. The comedy category on YouTube tends to include comedy sketches, standup acts, as well as comedy spoofs. A large number of the comedy videos found on YouTube are staged or rehearsed, but there are many videos that were just taken at the spur of the moment. Many times, you will find that these videos are the funniest. No matter what type of YouTube comedy video you watch, you will likely be left laughing.

Another popular YouTube video category is that of entertainment. When it comes to entertainment videos, you will find that you have a wide variety of



different videos to choose from. While it is still possible to find videos that have clips of your favorite music videos, television shows, or movies, YouTube is trying to cut down on those videos, as they don't have permission to broadcast many of them right now. Other entertainment videos include video reviews of movies or television shows, gossip, or amateur reporting events.

Pets and animals is another popular YouTube video category. As you likely already know, videos in this category are centered on pets, in one way or another. In some cases, YouTube members are showing off a new pet that they got, but many pet videos are also comedy related. A lot of YouTube members like posting videos of their pets doing something funny, unique, or cute. If you love pets, you will surely enjoy watching many of the pet videos that can be found under the pets and animals section on YouTube.

Travel and places is another popular video category on YouTube. This YouTube category also acts, in a way, to educate viewers. Many of the videos found under the YouTube travel and places category are videos that members shot when they were traveling, many times in a foreign country. For that reason, it is common to find videos that take you on a tour or show you well-known tourist attractions. If you are interested in planning a vacation, but you don't know yet where you should go, you will want to examine some of the travel and places videos that can be found on YouTube. One more popular YouTube video category is that of people and blogs. This is where many YouTube members post personal videos about themselves. One of the most popular types of videos found under the heading of people and blogs are video blogs. Video blogs are like traditional blogs, but they are in video format. With video blogs, YouTube members often outline their day



or their week for all other internet users to watch. In most cases, you will find that many video blogs have a humorous side to them.

The previously outlined YouTube video categories are just a few of the many that exist. Additional categories include How-To and Do It Yourself, Gadgets and Games, Film and Animation, Autos and Vehicles, Sports, Music, and News and Politics. Basically, whatever you are looking for, entertainment wise, you should be able to find it on YouTube and with detailed categories, finding what you want is easy.



## Videos You Can Find Available for Viewing on YouTube

Have you heard of YouTube before? Even if you have never visited YouTube's website, you likely already know a little bit about what it is, as YouTube is often talked about among friends, family members, and coworkers. You can also regularly find YouTube being discussed on local or even national news programs. Although you may have heard of YouTube, you might not have visited it before. If you haven't, you may want to think about stopping by, as you have the opportunity to view an unlimited number of free videos, many of which you may find entertaining.

Speaking of all of the free videos that you can find available for viewing online, you may be wondering what type of videos you can watch on YouTube, especially if you have never taken the time to explore the site. In all honesty, there are an unlimited number of videos that you can find available for viewing on YouTube. Just a few of the many video types that you may find online, are briefly outlined below.

One type of YouTube video that is rapidly increasing in popularity is that of the video blog. Over the past few years, the popularity of blogging skyrocketed. Blogging traditionally involves writing daily posts about your personal life or your work adventures. Recently, many video lovers have started to create video blogs. Instead of writing down their words online, they are talking into a camera and then posting the video for the entire world to see. While it may seem awkward to watch a video blog made by someone you have never met before, you may find video blogs to be quite entertaining.



In fact, many video blog viewers have never meet the blogger in question and many have no intention of ever doing so; they just like watching their videos.

Another one of the most popular types of YouTube videos are those that are centered on comedy. When it comes to comedy, you will find different comedy videos available for viewing on YouTube. For instance, there are some YouTube members that create comedy skits, ones that are staged. There are also some YouTube members who happen to get candid videos. Candid videos are videos where the people in the video, often acquaintances, do no know that they are being video tapped. There are also YouTube comedy videos that are combination of staged and candid videos. These types of comedy videos often revolve around people who know that they are being video taped, but just going with the flow of things. Any way that you look at it, comedy videos are very popular on YouTube.

It is also possible to find music videos available for viewing on YouTube. For the most part, the music videos on YouTube are videos that local bands or musicians made themselves. Due to copyright issues, it is rare to find a music video from a well-known band or signer; however, YouTube is currently taking steps to change that. Even though the selection of music videos on YouTube is sort of limited to up and coming artists, you may enjoy watching many of the music videos currently available on YouTube. You can easily find a wide variety of different YouTube music videos, many of which are from different music genres.

Educational videos or how-to videos are also popular on YouTube. In most cases, you will find that educational videos include how-to videos, but there are other educational videos available. For instance, if you are looking for videos that deal with pets, you may be able to find a few educational videos



outlining the importance of properly caring for your pet. A real how-to video would outline steps that you could take to properly care for your pet. Educational videos, although they cover a wide range of different subjects, have one common goal, to educate you.

As you can see, there are a large number of video types that can be found on YouTube. What is absolutely amazing is that previously mentioned video types are just a few of the many that you can find on YouTube. To get a taste of all that YouTube has to offer, you are urged to visit the YouTube website and get entertained!

# What to Consider Before Posting a Video on YouTube

Are you interested in making a video to have displayed on YouTube? With a large fan following, YouTube is a great place to make your own videos and get them seen. With YouTube, it is not uncommon for one video to get as many as a few thousand hits, sometimes even more. That is one of the main reasons why internet users, just like you, enjoy sharing their videos on YouTube; the exposure is nice. Of course, the decision to upload your videos to YouTube is yours to make, but there are some important factors that you may first want to take into consideration.

As it was previously mentioned, many YouTube videos end up getting thousands of hits. While having a large number of viewers is nice, you never exactly know who is viewing your videos, as well as what their intentions are. In today's society, you need to be extremely careful; different people interpret things different ways. While you may believe that you are just posting a simple online video blog, someone else may actually think that you are speaking to directly to them or think that you want to be found and contacted. This shouldn't prevent you from uploading videos to YouTube; however, it should make you practice safety. You are advised against giving out any personal information about yourself, including where you live, as well as your full name.

What is nice about YouTube is that they allow you take one of your videos down at a moments notice. For instance, if you received poor feedback from one of your videos or if you changed your mind about sharing your video with the rest of the internet community, you should be able to take your



video down, but what you may not know is that the damage may have already been done. There are many internet users, particularly those who consider themselves video fanatics, who actually copy or save the videos that they find interesting or appealing. This means that even though you deleted one of your YouTube videos, it could still be in circulation, possibly even in the wrong hands. That is why it is advised that you seriously think about what you are doing before actually posting videos on YouTube.

It is also advised that you examine the content of your YouTube videos before actually uploading them to the site. While you might not necessarily be concerned with offending anyone, you should be. There are many internet users who take offense to videos or just discussions in general that bash or make fun their races, religions, or general way of life. You do not want to create a negative name for yourself or even just your YouTube name, as it may later come back to haunt you. It is also advised that you think about keeping your face out of your YouTube videos. Showing your face may make it easier for internet predators to find and contact you. Should you post a video of yourself of YouTube, you may want to examine your appearance or think about how others may interpret your video.

The above mentioned factors are just a few of the many that you will want to take into consideration, before making or uploading your videos to the YouTube website. As previously stated, the decision as to whether or not you want to share your videos on YouTube is yours to make, but if you are interested in doing so, it is advised that you display caution.

# What to Consider When Making a YouTube Video

YouTube is a popular online website, which allows internet users, just like you, to share videos or watch an unlimited number of them. While a good portion of the individuals who post videos on YouTube are just posting videos that they have laying around, there are many more who actually make videos with the sole purpose of uploading them to YouTube and sharing them with other internet users. If you are one of those individuals, there are a number of points that you will want to keep in mind.

When it comes to making a YouTube video, one of the things that you will need is a video recording device. Popular video recording devices include camcorder, webcams, as well as cell phones with video recording capabilities. If at all possible, you will want to try and use a webcam or a camcorder, as these video recording devices often produce the best quality. If you are looking to make your YouTube video be a hit, quality is something that you will want to take into consideration. Many YouTube video viewers dislike watching poor quality videos; in fact, not everyone sticks around to finish watching them.

Editing is also something that you will want to take into consideration. YouTube actually encourages you to examine your video before uploading it to their site. If you notice anything that you would like changed, you are advised to edit your video before uploading it to YouTube. Of course, you don't have to edit your video if you don't want to, but editing your video is also likely to improve the overall quality of your YouTube video. It is also relatively easy to do. Most computers come with movie editing software



programs already installed. It may even be a good idea to play around with a movie editing software program and your YouTube video; you may be surprised just how fun it can be.

It is also important that you think about and examine the content of your video, especially if you are planning on doing a comedy video. Comedy videos are popular on YouTube, but you need to remember that a large number of people visit YouTube for entertainment. Many of those individuals are from different races, sexes, and religions. You will want to be cautious of offending any of your viewers, intentionally or not. Keep in mind that comedy means different things to different individuals. Of course, you have the right to make just about any type of YouTube video you want; you are advised to use your best judgment. Should you be good at making YouTube videos, you may be able to make a name for yourself on YouTube, but you will want it to be a good one.

It is also important that you examine safety when making a YouTube video. As previously mentioned, comedy videos are popular on YouTube and so are video blogs. Video blogs are where internet users recite their blog in front of a camera, instead of in print. Video blogs are fun to do, but many video bloggers, both on and off of YouTube, make the mistake of giving out too much information about themselves. For your safety, you will want to avoid giving your real name, especially if you are showing your face on your video blog. It is advised that you do not mention your real name in any of your YouTube videos, but you definitely do not want to mention your address or any of your phone numbers. Not divulging your personal information is for your own safety. You need to remember that you never really know who is watching your YouTube videos or what they are thinking.



The above mentioned points are just a few of the many that you will want to keep in mind, before making a video which will later be posted on YouTube. In short, aim for quality and keep internet safety in mind and your YouTube video could end up being a hit.



# Why You Need to Refrain from Documenting Illegal Activities on YouTube

Do you enjoy uploading and sharing videos that you have made with others on YouTube? If so, you are definitely not alone, as YouTube is one of the most popular online video sharing websites. What is nice about YouTube is that they allow you to upload just about any type of video that you want. While you have the ability to upload just about any type of video that you want, it doesn't necessarily mean that you should.

One type of video that you will want to refrain from sharing on YouTube is a video that documents you doing something illegal. On the YouTube website, it is not uncommon to find some videos that show individuals drinking underage, doing drugs, or worse. In fact, there have been videos documented on the internet before that showed people committing more serious crimes, like robberies or vandalism. There are some people; hopefully you are not one of them, who think that documenting illegal activities is cool and that it may actually make them seem like a cooler person. The reality is that your YouTube video may get attention, but it might not be from the people you had hoped to receive attention from.

Although not everyone does so, it is advised that you thoroughly read over all of the information you are given concerning YouTube and its operation. This information can easily be found by visiting the YouTube help center. There you will see that YouTube, in some instances, works with law enforcement. What does this mean for you? This means that should you



share videos documenting illegal activities, YouTube may share those videos with the authorities. In most cases, you will find that this is only done with major crimes, like crimes that involve abuse or sexual assaults, but you still never know.

In addition to the possibility of YouTube notifying law enforcement when they come across as video that outlines a heinous crime, law enforcement offers are now turning to the internet all on their own. There have been cases discussed on the news before about how YouTube and other social networking websites actually resulted in a crime being solved. Unfortunately, a good portion of the general public mistakenly believes that their police officers do not have time to search the internet, but not many are beginning to do so. That is why it is extremely important that you do not document yourself committing a crime, no matter how minor it may seem.

Aside from the possibility of being caught committing a crime by law enforcement, you also need to worry about others viewing your videos; others who may also have a say in your life. For instance, if you are still in high school and one of your school officials caught you documenting yourself drinking underage or doing drugs, did you know that you could be suspended from school or school related activities? If you are not in high school, something similar may happen if one of your employers came across a video of you documenting yourself committing a crime. Depending on the seriousness of the situation, you may only receive a warning, but you may also lose your job.

As you can see, there are a number of different consequences to documenting yourself on YouTube committing illegal activities, no matter



how large or small they are. That is why it is advised that you play it safe; keep all illegal or inappropriate content off of YouTube.



# Why You Should Join the YouTube Community

Do you enjoy visiting YouTube? Whether you are interested in watching fun and entertaining movies for free or if you like making your own movies to share with other internet users, YouTube is the place for you. What is nice about YouTube is they are not only a video sharing website. With an online community section, YouTube, in a way, can also be considered a social networking site.

When it comes to visiting the YouTube community section, there are a large number of YouTube site visitors who wonder why they should do so. If you are one of those individuals, this is quite a normal feeling. As internet security has become a major concern, there are many individuals who are nervous about interacting with others on the internet. When using YouTube, namely the community section, you are advised to display caution, but you should be more than safe; in fact, you will likely have a good time.

The YouTube community works by making a few groups. For instance, one of the many groups found on YouTube is funny videos. If you have a funny video, you can request to have it displayed in the funny video group. If you are just a viewer, you may also be able to request to have some of your favorite videos in a certain YouTube community group, whether it is the funny video group or not. Not only will joining the YouTube community give you easy access to a number of videos that you are sure to like, it also gives you the opportunity to start discussions with other YouTube members, namely those who are participating in or enjoy visiting the same group.



If you are interested in joining a YouTube community group, you will need to click on the “Community,” tab, which can be found at the top of the YouTube webpage. There, you will be able to choose from a long list of YouTube community groups. As it was previously mentioned, funny videos is one of those groups. Under all of the videos that have been added to the group, you will see a discussions section. In a way, this section is like an online message board. There, you can post your own messages or you can respond to other messages left by other YouTube community group members. Joining a YouTube community group is nice because it automatically pairs you up with other internet users who enjoy the same interests, at least entertainment wise, as you.

In addition to joining the YouTube community groups, if you are also interested in interacting with other YouTube members, you may want to think about visiting the TestTube section of YouTube. You can access TestTube by clicking the “TestTube,” link, which is in small print at the bottom of each YouTube page. Right now, YouTube is working on a program, which you can try out, that lets internet users who are viewing the same videos discuss that video. In a way, this acts as if it is an online message board, but also an online chat room. While this feature is still in the experimental stages, it is sure to quickly become a YouTube hit.

As outlined above, YouTube isn’t just about watching and sharing videos. You can also join in on discussions that are currently taking place on the site. If you aren’t already doing so, you may want to look into it, as it only adds to the fun and excitement of YouTube.

# Why You Should Rate YouTube Videos You Watch

Do you regularly find yourself visiting the YouTube website to watch fun, exciting, and vividly entertaining videos? If not, you will want to do so, as you will likely find yourself enjoying everything that YouTube has to offer. If you are already a YouTube visitor, do you currently rate the YouTube videos that you watch or leave comments to the video submitter? If not, you will want to think about doing so, as there are a number of reasons as to why you should, as well as benefits to doing so.

Perhaps, the greatest reason as to why you should rate a YouTube video that you watched or even leave comments to the YouTube member that uploaded it is because it gives the YouTube member in question something to feel good about. YouTube gives any internet user, someone just like you, the ability to make, upload, and share their videos. There are some YouTube members who put a lot of thought, time, and hard work into making each and every one of their videos. Hearing that someone liked their video, whether it be through positive comments or feedback ratings, is likely to make them feel good about themselves. In a way, you could think of leaving YouTube comments or giving YouTube video ratings as doing your good deed for the day.

Another one of the many reasons as to why you should rate all YouTube videos that you watch or even leave comments is because it lets other YouTube members know what you like. When it comes to making a YouTube video, there are many YouTube members who spend hours searching for videos that are highly rated or ones that are constantly being talked about.



They want to make a video that they know will be looked at or talked about, as it ups their exposure. Therefore, rating YouTube videos can actually benefit you. The more you rate your favorite YouTube videos or discuss them, the more likely you will be to find similar natured videos appear in the future, giving you a never ending source of entertainment.

To rate YouTube videos or to discuss them, you must be a member of the YouTube community. This involves registering for a YouTube account. The good news about doing so is that it is relatively easy to do, not to mention free. All you need to do is enter in a little bit of personal information about yourself, like your name, location, birth date, and gender and create login information for yourself. Once you do so you can start rating YouTube videos or discuss them with other YouTube members.

If you would like to rate any YouTube videos that you watch, whether you like them or not, you will need to register with YouTube, as stated above. You do not need to register with YouTube to watch videos on the site, but you must have an account if you would like to rate movies that you watched or discuss them. As previously mentioned, there are a number of reasons as to why you should do so, as well as a number of benefits to doing so. That is why you will want to take a few minutes to register for a free YouTube account. In addition to being able to rate or discuss videos, you will also find yourself gaining access to a number of other neat YouTube features.

# YouTube and Its Competition Reviewed

Do you enjoy watching videos online or even uploading and sharing your own videos with other internet users? If you do, you will need to be on the lookout for websites that are known as video sharing websites. These types of websites are ones that allow internet users to watch videos they have stored on their websites and they often allow internet users, just like you, to share their own videos. When it comes to finding a video sharing website to use, you will see that you have a number of different options.

One of the most popular and most well-known video sharing websites is that of YouTube. It is not uncommon for YouTube to be discussed at your school, work, or even on your local news! Yes, that is how popular YouTube is. If you are interested in viewing online videos, you will find that YouTube is your best chance for finding what you want, as they have an immeasurable number of videos hosted on their online website. Also, if you register for a free YouTube account, you should be able to rate the videos that you watch, leave comments on the video page, or even talk about the video with other YouTube members.

If you are interested in uploading your own videos to the internet, you may also find the most success when using YouTube. One of the reasons for that is the number of individuals who visit the site each day; it is a lot. No matter what type of video you upload onto YouTube, your video is likely to get hundreds or even thousands of views. The exposure is one of the reasons why so many video submitters turn to YouTube. It is also important to mention ease of use, as uploading and sharing videos on YouTube is easy. All YouTube members are able to upload their videos by following detailed, step-by-step instructions.



Although YouTube is a great video sharing website to watch movie at or upload your own videos, you may be wondering about your other options. One of those other options is Grouper. Grouper is a video sharing website that allows internet users to both watch and share videos that they may have made themselves. What is nice about Grouper is that they have a large collection of viewable videos and their upload process is also easy and self-explanatory. The only downside to using Grouper, particularly to share your own videos is that it isn't as well known as YouTube. However, with that in mind, Grouper is an online video website that is continuing to increase in popularity.

Another popular video sharing website is that of Google Video. Google Video is ideal for those looking to share their own videos, as well as those looking to watch a large collection of videos. From a viewer standpoint, Google Video has a large collection of videos currently available. In fact, they also have popular music videos or television shows available. The only downside is that many of these music videos and television shows are not free; however, only a small one-time fee is required to view them. As with YouTube and Grouper, you can also upload your own videos to Google, once you become a member of Google.

When it comes to deciding which video sharing websites you would like to use, the decision is yours to make; however, you may want to consider examining all three. No matter which video hosting website you choose, you will likely be pleased with your decision, as all three come highly rated and recommend.



## YouTube's Test Tube: What Is It?

Are you an active member of the YouTube community? If you enjoy uploading and sharing your videos with others you may be. Even if you prefer to only watch videos online, not share your own, you may still be an active member of the YouTube community. If you regularly find yourself visiting the YouTube website, whether it is to upload your own movies or watch movies that others have posted, you may have heard of a program that is known as TestTube. TestTube is an idea that was generated by YouTube, although it is still in the testing period, you may find YouTube's TestTube to be quite exciting, unique, yet useful.

As you can likely tell from the name and as it was mentioned above, TestTube is a program that was and is still being generated by YouTube. TestTube is where YouTube is currently testing a wide variety of different things; things that will likely improve the way that you watch or share videos on YouTube. When you think about it, YouTube is absolutely amazing. They are one of the largest online video sharing websites, as well as the most popular, yet they are still taking a number of steps to make the online video sharing experience even better.

Although the TestTube program isn't necessarily referred to as a beta program, it can be considered one, as everything that is tested is still in the experimental phases. As it was stated above, many of things being worked on in YouTube's TestTube are improvements to make watching and sharing videos online easier. To know if these ideas or improvements are actually working, they need other internet users to help test them out. This is where you could come in. If you were interested, you could request to join the YouTube TestTube program. You will not only find doing so fun and



exciting, but you may also get a firsthand look at many of the changes or improvements that the folks at YouTube are trying to make.

Although the improvements or ideas being worked on in YouTube's TestTube are likely to vary, you will find that many improvements or ideas are centered on watching videos. For instance, YouTube is currently working on an idea that allows you and other internet users, who are watching the same YouTube videos, to talk to each other, almost like a live, real-time chat. This is a little bit different than sending personal messages or leaving comments on a YouTube video page. Another unique idea currently being examined in YouTube's TestTube, is the ability to add music to a video, as a watcher. In YouTube's TestTube, you have the ability to swap out audio from a YouTube video from a long list of licensed songs that YouTube has permission to use.

The decision as to whether or not you want to visit the TestTube section of YouTube is yours to make, but it is definitely something worth looking into. You get to try out all of YouTube's current ideas or improvements for free. You are also encouraged to offer your suggestions as to whether or not you like them. This, in turn, could help to make your YouTube experience even that more memorable. If you are interested in taking part in YouTube's TestTube program, you can find more information about the program, by visiting the YouTube webpage. In small print, at the bottom of each YouTube page, you will find a link with more information on TestTube.



# YouTube: Why it's So Popular

Do you enjoy using the internet as a source of entertainment? If you do, there is a good chance that you know what YouTube is. In fact, you may even be an active member of the YouTube community, as millions of internet users are. With so many YouTube member and site visitors, there are many individuals who wonder what exactly it is about YouTube that makes it so popular. If you are one of those individuals, you will want to read on to figure out just why.

Perhaps, the greatest reason why YouTube is so popular is because all that you can do on the website. For instance, if are looking for entertainment, you can choose from an unlimited number of YouTube videos, many of which you are sure to love. If you want to do more than just watch YouTube videos, you can even make your own. YouTube allows all registered member to post an unlimited number of videos on their website. Whether you want to create a video blog, a comedy skit, or an educational video, you can easily do so.

Another one of the many reasons why YouTube is so popular is because it is free to use. Any internet user can simply visit the YouTube website and start viewing videos. Although it is advised that you register for a free YouTube account, isn't required to watch YouTube videos. With that in mind, however, if you would like to rate videos or leave comments and upload your own videos to YouTube, you will need to register for an account with YouTube. As previously mentioned, registering for a YouTube account is free and it will only take a few minutes of your time.



When it comes to uploading videos onto YouTube, it is relatively easy to do. That is another one of the many reasons why YouTube is so popular. Even those with a minimal amount of computer experience can make and share videos on YouTube. All you really need is a video recording device, such as a cell phone with video recording capabilities, a camcorder, or a webcam. Most computers already have movie editing software programs installed, but you only need to use movie editing software if you would like to edit your video before sharing it with the YouTube community. When it comes time to upload your videos, you just need to follow YouTube's uploading instructions and then your videos should be available for viewing within minutes.

As for watching videos on YouTube, it was stated above that you have an unlimited number of YouTube videos to choose from. This is another one of the many reasons why YouTube is so popular. No matter what you like, whether it is romance, comedy, or educational pieces, you should be able to find whatever you are looking for on YouTube. Popular YouTube videos include video blogs and comedy skits. Finding videos to watch is easy as well. YouTube allows you to browse through all of their videos or you can perform a YouTube search to find something in particular.

If you have yet to give YouTube a glance, you are urged to do so. Whether you want to watch videos or make your own, you can do so. When visiting YouTube you will likely like what you see. After all, YouTube has millions of visitors; therefore, they must be doing something right.



## **YouTube: Why You Should Check It Out**

Have you heard of YouTube before? If you enjoy surfing the internet, there is a good chance that you have. The only question is have you ever visited the YouTube website before? If not, you will want to do so, as YouTube, is not only fun and exciting, but it is also entertaining.

As you likely already know, YouTube is an online video hosting and sharing website. Internet users, just like you, can not only view videos online, but they can also upload them. Perhaps, that is one of the many reasons why YouTube has increased so much in popularity. With an unlimited number of entertaining videos to choose from, internet users are sure to find something that they love on you Tube. In fact, that is one of the many reasons why you should visit YouTube, particularly if you yet to do so.

What is nice about YouTube is that it is a free website. Whether you are interested in uploading your own videos to the YouTube site or just viewing videos from others, you can do so, free of charge. You are encouraged to register with YouTube, which is also free to do, but you aren't required to do so. Despite not being required to register for a YouTube account, you are still urged to do so, as there are a number of perks to getting a free YouTube membership. One of those perks is the ability to rate videos on YouTube, as well as leave comments for video owners.

Now, if you are interested in uploading your videos to YouTube, you will find that it is a relatively easy process. Of course, you will want to take the time to examine YouTube's rules and restrictions before posting your videos online, but once you are ready to get started the process is easy. If you have yet to create a video, you will need a video recording device. After you have



made your video, you need to upload it to your computer, where you can also edit it if you want. Once your video is ready, you simply need to follow YouTube's step-by-step uploading instructions and you should be good to go.

If you would prefer to not upload your videos onto YouTube, you may just want to view videos that other YouTube members have made and posted online. The good news with this is that it is relatively easy to do. If you want, you have the option to browse through all of the videos posted on YouTube. Should you be looking for something in particular, you can also perform a YouTube video search. For instance, if you were looking for a video that deals with pets, you will want to perform a YouTube search with the word "pet." Once you have found a video that you would like to view, you just click on the video to open it and the video will start playing. As previously mentioned, if you register as a YouTube member, you can rate or leave comments for each YouTube video that you watch.

As outlined above, YouTube is a fun, entertaining, and easy use to website, whether you are just interested in watching online videos, making them, or doing both. To join in on the fun, you will want to visit the YouTube website, if you haven't already done so.



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