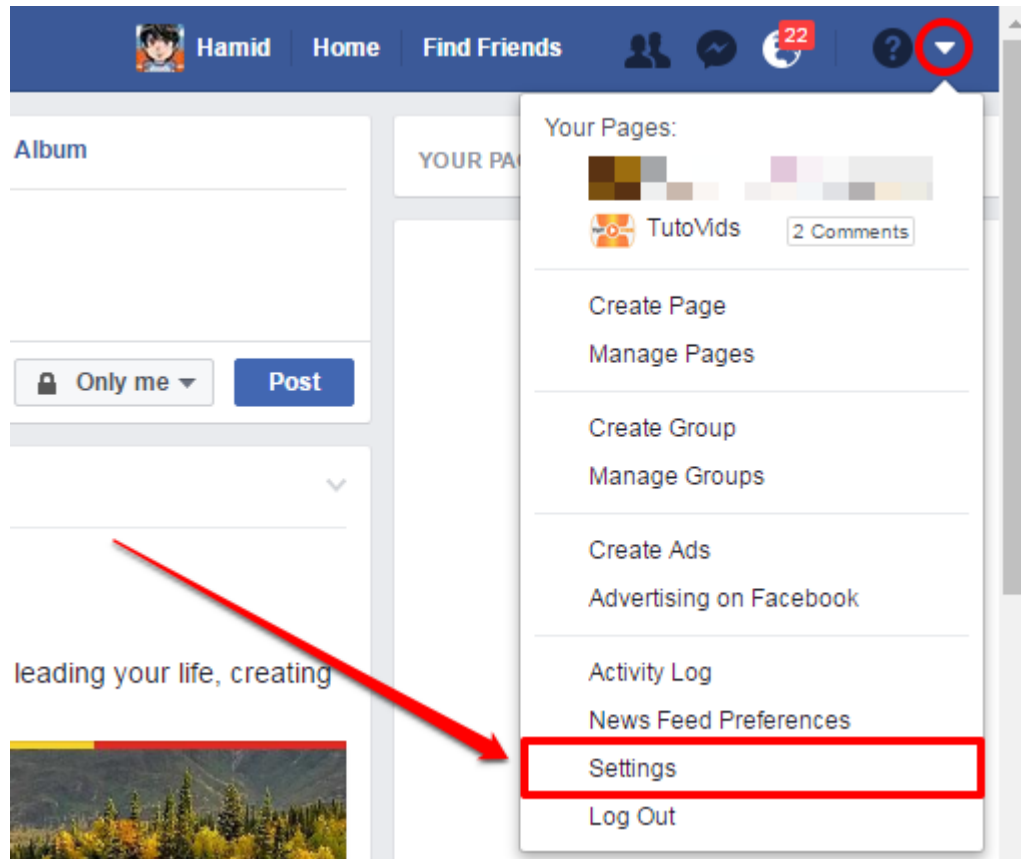


# How to Make Your Facebook Completely Private

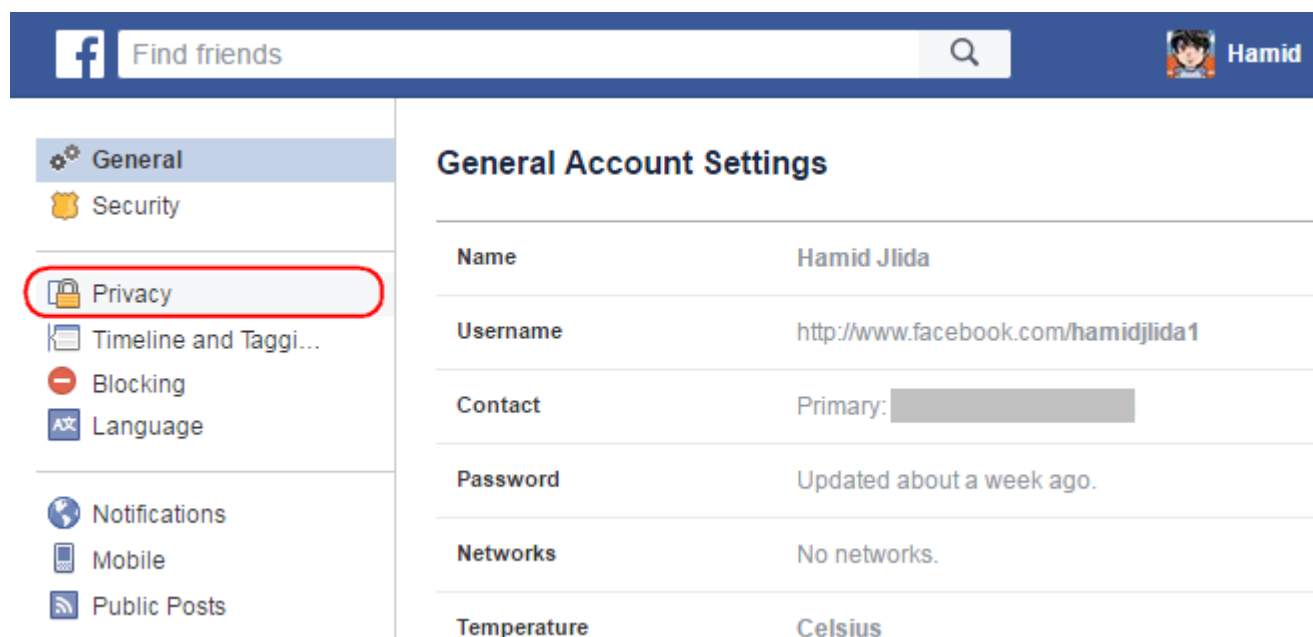
Are you worried about your privacy on Facebook? Want to tweak your account privacy settings and make your Facebook profile completely private to non friends or even to friends? Want to restrict them from viewing your Facebook personal information, friends list, photo albums, liked pages and everything you care about?

If so, I'll show you in detailed steps how to change your privacy settings in order to make everything private on facebook and stop people who are not your friends from seeing anything.

**Step 1:** Click the down arrow icon at the top right of any Facebook page, then choose "Settings" from the drop down menu..



**Step 2:** From the left side, click on the "Privacy" tab.



Now, you should be in your privacy settings page. Are you there?

## Privacy Settings and Tools

Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts?	Only Me	Edit
	Review all your posts and things you're tagged in		Use Activity Log
	Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?		Limit Past Posts
Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests?	Friends of Friends	Edit
Who can look me up?	Who can look you up using the email address you provided?	Friends	Edit
	Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?	Friends	Edit
	Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?	No	Edit

Great! We are going to adjust each item individually.

**Step 3:** Change your default sharing:

It's very important to choose who can see your future posts, so, whenever you post something it will be shared only with that specific audience.

To do so, go to "Who can see my stuff?", click "Edit" beside "Who can see your future posts?". After that click the audience selector and select the audience you want from the drop down menu.

## Privacy Settings and Tools

Who can see my stuff?

Who can see your future posts?

You can manage the privacy of things you share by using the audience selector right where you post. This control remembers your selection so future posts will be shared with the same audience unless you change it.

What's on your mind?

Only Me

Only Me

Post

Review all your posts and things you're tagged in

Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?

Who can contact me?

Who can look me up?

Close

Who should see this?

Public

Anyone on or off Facebook

Friends

Your friends on Facebook

✓ Only Me

Only Me

\* Custom

Custom

Use Activity Log

Limit Past Posts

Edit

Edit

- You can choose "Friends" to share your future posts only with your friends.
- You can also choose "Custom" to set them to a custom settings.
- Or you can choose "Only Me" to hide your next posts from everyone.

#### Step 4: Limit the audience for your old posts:

Want to limit access to your old published posts and share them only with friends? If yes, you can use a great feature provided by Facebook called Limit Past Posts.

So, what does this feature do? In short, It'll set all your posts on your Facebook timeline to only friends by one click. But you should know that you won't be able to revert them back in one click. You'll need to do that for each post individually.

Want to use this tool? Ready?

Click "Limit Past Posts" link beside "Limit the audience for posts you've shared friends of friends or Public?", Click "Limit Old Posts" button > Click "Confirm" > Click "Close" in the popup window > Then press the "Close" link.

### Privacy Settings and Tools

Who can see my stuff?
Who can see your future posts?
Only Me
Edit

Review all your posts and things you're tagged in
Use Activity Log

Limit The Audience for Old Posts on Your Timeline
Close



If you use this tool, content on your timeline you've shared with friends of friends or Public will change to Friends. Remember: people who are tagged and their friends may see those posts as well.

You also have the option to individually change the audience of your posts. Just go to the post you want to change and choose a different audience.

[Learn about changing old posts](#)

Limit Old Posts

#### Step 5: Prevent the public from sending you friend requests:

To avoid getting friend requests from people you don't know, you'll need to hide the add friend button from your Facebook profile.

To do this, Click "Edit" next to "Who can contact me?" > Then click the audience selector and choose "Friends of Friends" instead of "Everyone" > Press "Close".

Who can contact me?
Who can send you friend requests?
Close

Friends of Friends

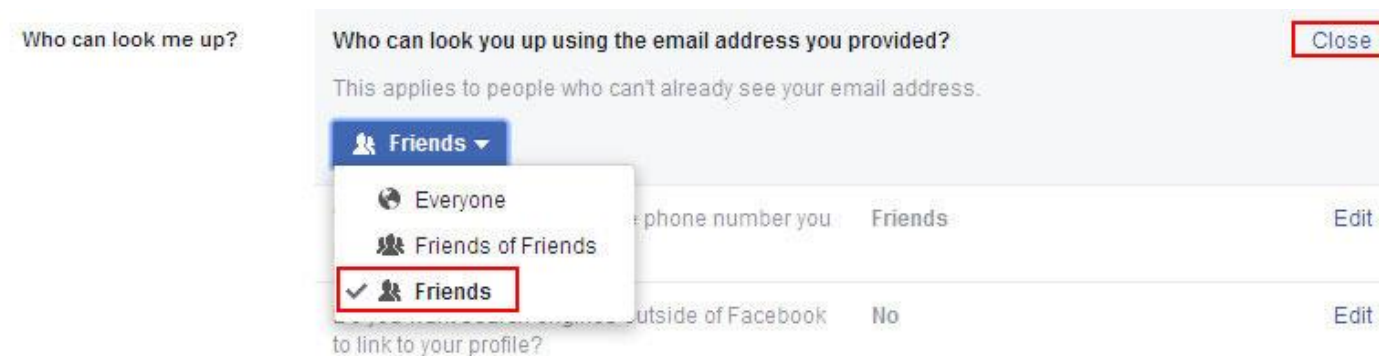
Everyone

✓ Friends of Friends

Who can look me up?
email address you
Friends
Edit

**Step 6:** Control who can search for you on Facebook using the email address or phone number associated with your account.

Click "Edit" next to "Who can look you up using the email address you provided?", choose "Friends" > Press "Close"

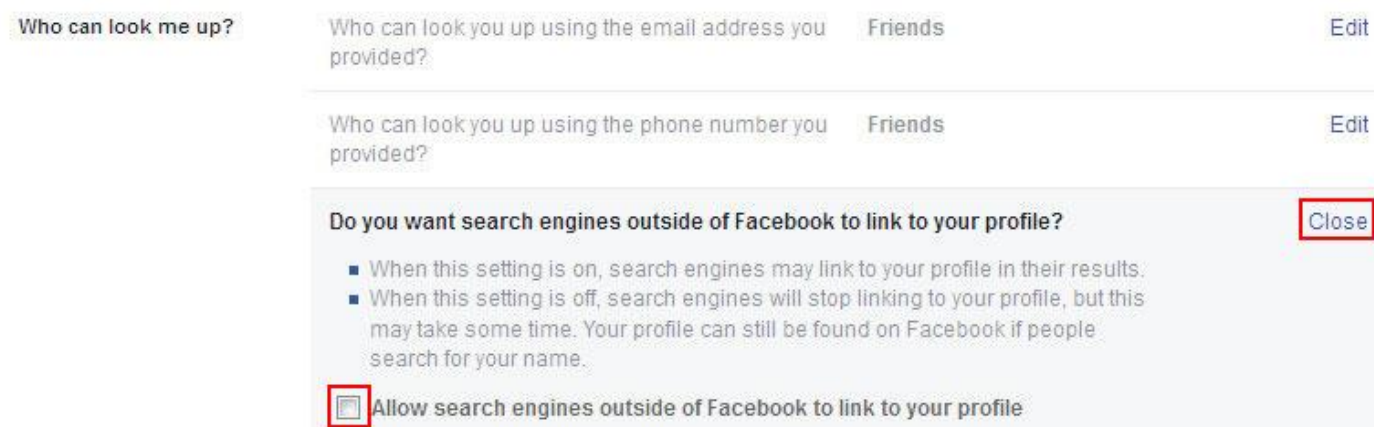


Click "Edit" beside "Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?", choose "Friends" > Press the "Close" link.



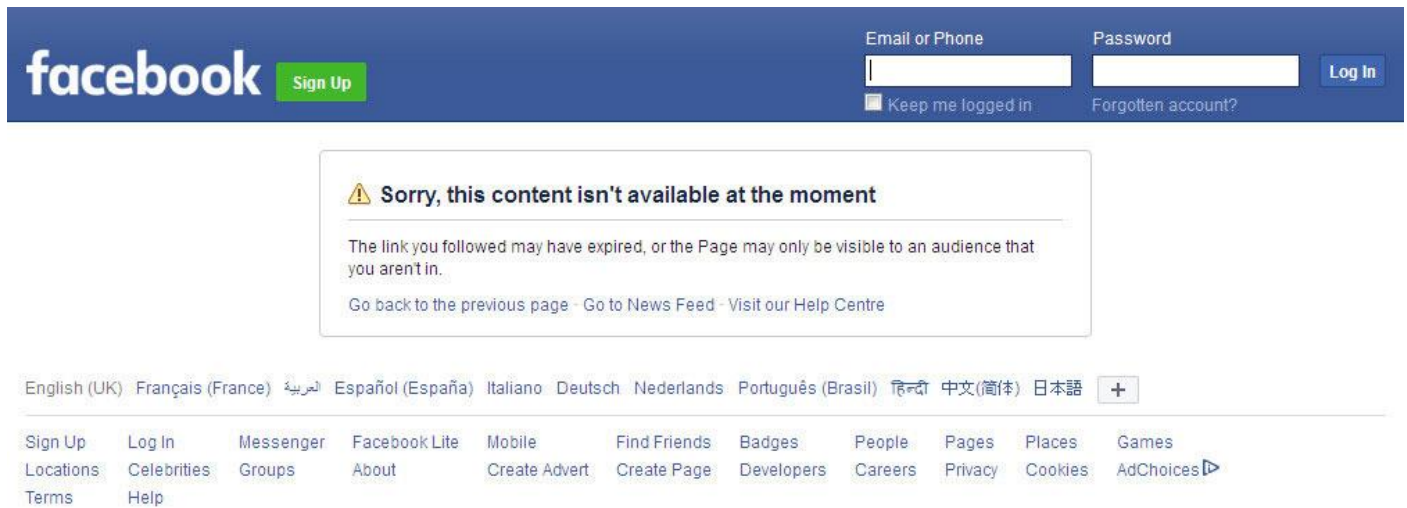
**Step 7:** Stop search engines from linking to your Facebook profile:

To do this, click "Edit" next to "Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?", uncheck the box next to "Allow search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile" > in the pop up window, click "Turn Off" > Press "Close".



After doing that, Facebook will prevent search engines like Google Search, Bing search, Yahoo search and others from indexing your profile. Other thing is that people who are not logged into Facebook won't be able to view your profile at all and this is the message they will see.



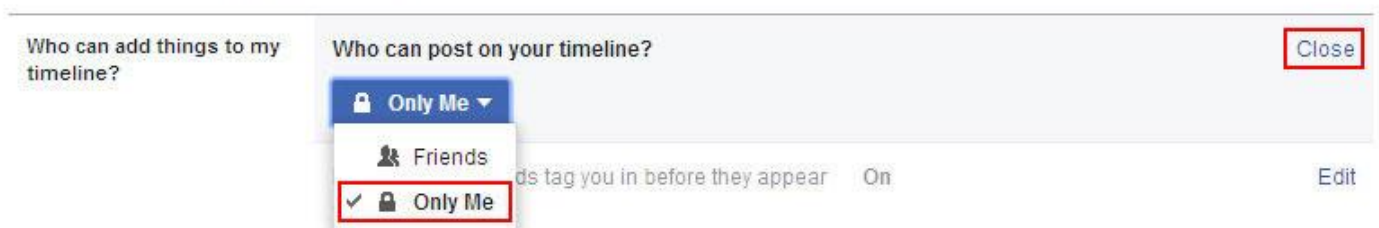


**Step 8:** Now, let's move to another section, select "Timeline and Tagging Settings" from the left side and change the settings as described below.

**Step 9:** Stop friends from posting on your own timeline:

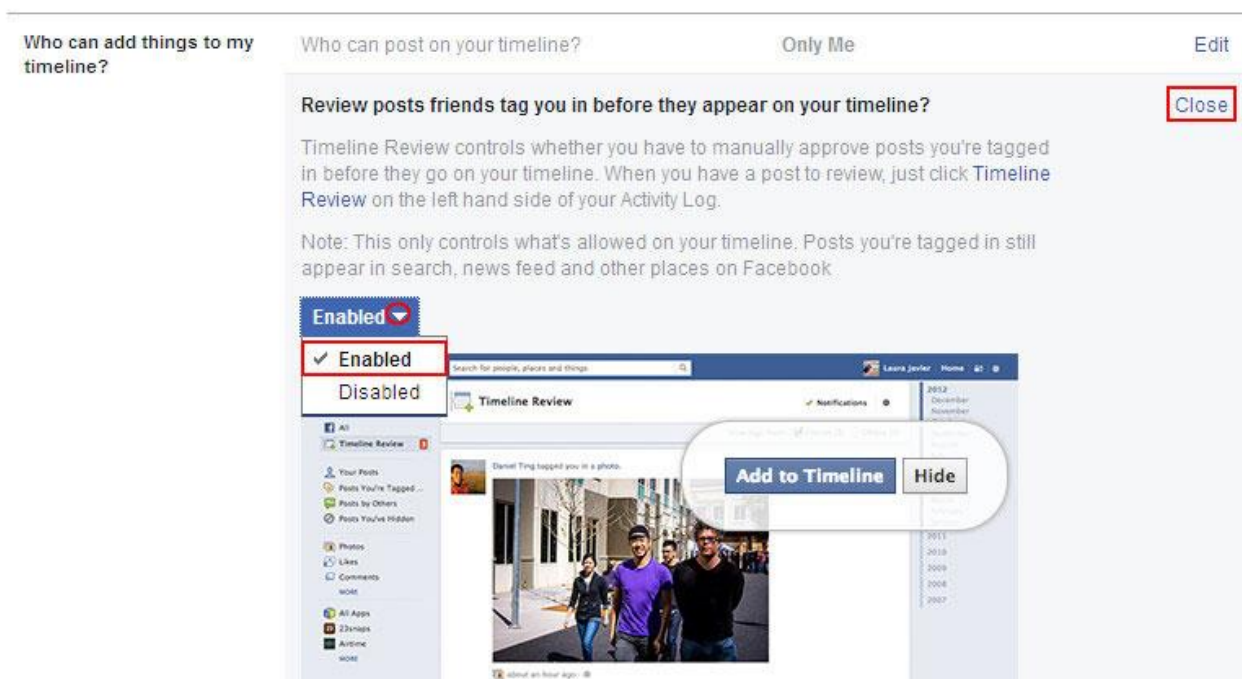
To do this, locate "Who can add things to my timeline?" and click "Edit" beside "Who can post on your timeline?", select "Only Me" then press the "Close" link.

## Timeline and Tagging Settings

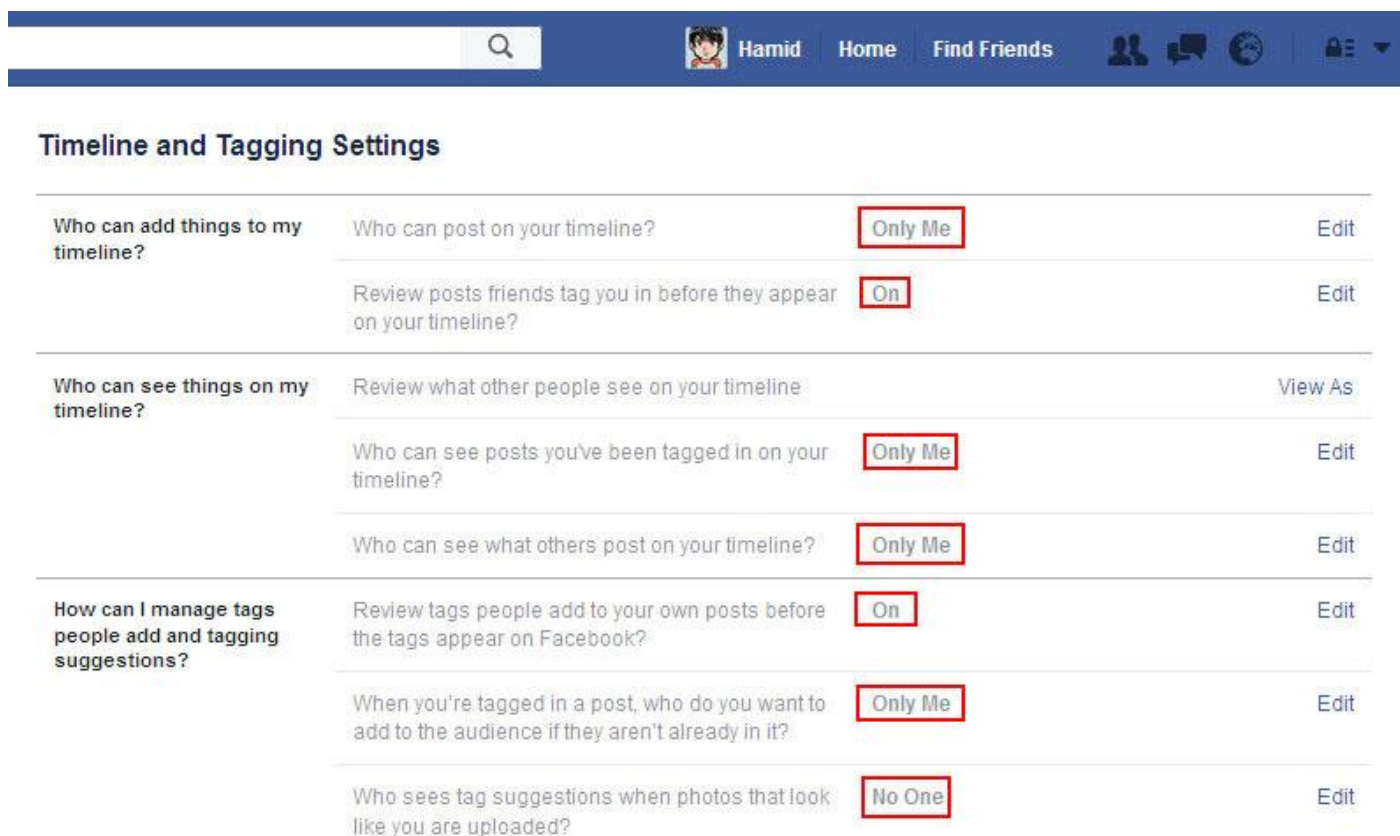


Also, click Edit next to Review posts friends tag you in before they appear on your timeline?, choose Enabled and press Close.

## Timeline and Tagging Settings



You can change the rest of settings in this section, so the final result should be like this:

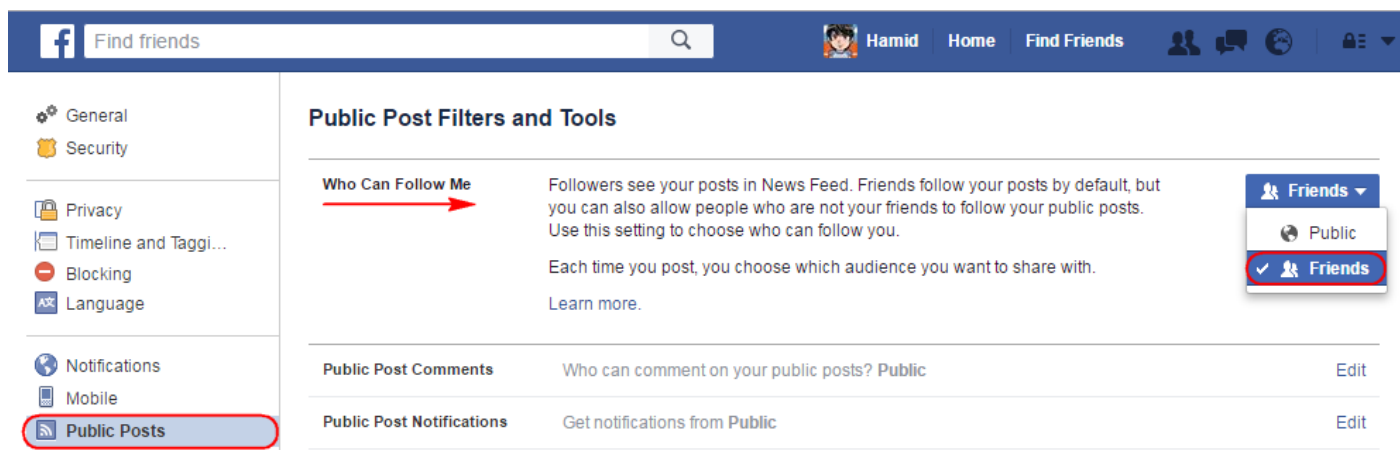


The screenshot shows the 'Timeline and Tagging Settings' page on Facebook. The settings are organized into three main sections, each with a list of specific settings and an 'Edit' link.

Section	Setting	Value	Action
Who can add things to my timeline?	Who can post on your timeline?	Only Me	Edit
	Review posts friends tag you in before they appear on your timeline?	On	Edit
Who can see things on my timeline?	Review what other people see on your timeline	View As	
	Who can see posts you've been tagged in on your timeline?	Only Me	Edit
	Who can see what others post on your timeline?	Only Me	Edit
How can I manage tags people add and tagging suggestions?	Review tags people add to your own posts before the tags appear on Facebook?	On	Edit
	When you're tagged in a post, who do you want to add to the audience if they aren't already in it?	Only Me	Edit
	Who sees tag suggestions when photos that look like you are uploaded?	No One	Edit

#### Step 10: Prevent non friends from following you:

If you're willing to make your Facebook private, I don't think it's necessary to keep the follow button on your timeline. To hide it, click on "Public Posts" in the left side, click the audience selector next to "Who Can Follow Me" and choose "Friends".



The screenshot shows the 'Public Post Filters and Tools' section of Facebook settings. The 'Public Posts' option is selected in the left sidebar. The 'Who Can Follow Me' setting is highlighted with a red arrow. The audience selector dropdown is open, showing 'Friends' as the selected option.

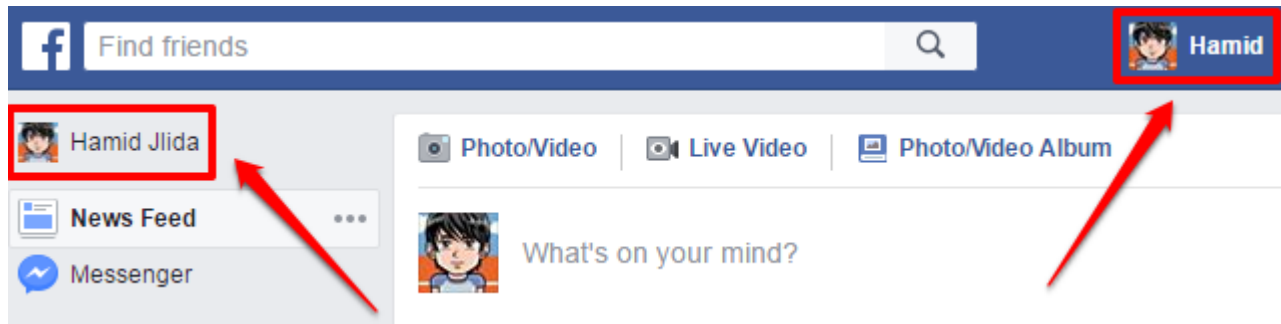
Setting	Value	Action
Who Can Follow Me	Followers see your posts in News Feed. Friends follow your posts by default, but you can also allow people who are not your friends to follow your public posts. Use this setting to choose who can follow you. Each time you post, you choose which audience you want to share with. Learn more.	Edit
Public Post Comments	Who can comment on your public posts? Public	Edit
Public Post Notifications	Get notifications from Public	Edit

All what we have done now is so so important, but really we are just going to start with the big parts.

What about the friends list, following and followers? What about the personal information stocked in the about section, such as phone number, email address, date of birth and so on? What about your pictures and photo albums? What about your liked pages?

**Step 11:** Hide your friends list:

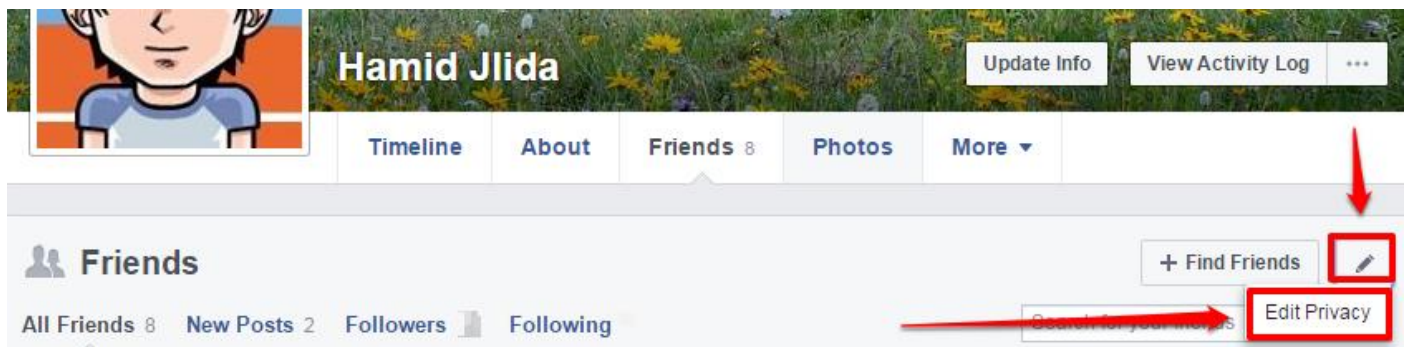
Go to your timeline by clicking on your name.



Click on Friends button under the cover photo



Press the pencil icon to the right of Friends and select Edit Privacy from the drop down menu.



In the popup window, click the audience selector next to Friend List, then choose Only Me to hide it from everyone. You can also choose Friends, to share it only with your friends. Or you can choose Custom, to set it to a custom settings.

You can do the same thing for **Following** and **Followers**.

When you finish adjusting your Facebook friends list visibility, click Done.

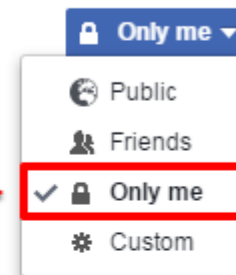
## Edit Privacy



### Friend List

Who can see your friends list?

Remember, your friends control who can see their friendships on their own Timelines. If people can see your friendship on another Timeline, they'll be able to see it in News Feed, search and other places on Facebook. If you set this to Only me, only you will be able to see your full friends list on your Timeline. Other people will see only mutual friends.



A dropdown menu with a blue header bar containing a lock icon and the text "Only me" with a downward arrow. Below the header, there are four options: "Public" with a globe icon, "Friends" with a group of people icon, "Only me" with a lock icon and a checkmark, and "Custom" with a gear icon. The "Only me" option is highlighted with a red rectangular border. A red arrow points from the text "Only you will be able to see your full friends list" to the "Only me" option.

### Following

Who can see the people, Pages and lists you follow?

Remember, the people you follow can see that you're following them.

Only me ▼

### Followers

Who can see your followers on your Timeline?

Only me ▼

[Learn More](#)

Done

Now, to make sure that your Facebook friends list is hidden from unwanted eyes, you'll need to view your Facebook profile as a stranger. To do so, click the three dots icon underneath your cover photo, then choose "View As..."

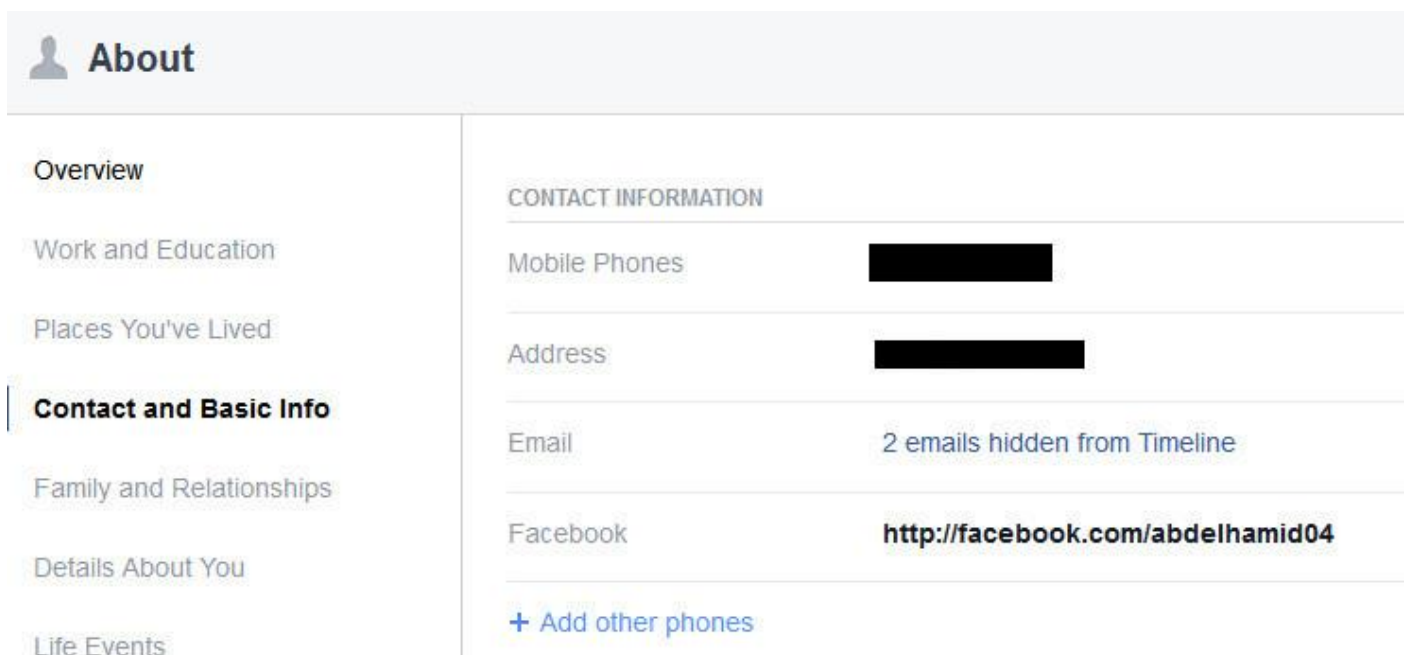


# How to Hide Your Personal Information on Facebook?

**Step 1:** Navigate to your timeline and click on **About** under your cover photo or click **Update Info**.



**Step 2:** Now, we should start with the most sensitive information **Contact and Basic Info**.



**Step 3:** To change any information visibility, just hover the mouse over the information that you would like to make private, then click Edit. After that, click the audience selector next to each entry and choose who can see it from the drop down menu.

**About**

Overview
Work and Education
Places You've Lived
**Contact and Basic Info**
Family and Relationships
Details About You
Life Events

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mobile Phones

Edit

Address

Email

2 emails hidden from Timeline

Facebook

http://facebook.com/abdelhamid04

+ Add other phones

- You can choose "**Only Me**" to hide it from all.
- You can choose "**Friends**" to share it only with your friends list
- You can also choose "**Custom**" to share it with specific people or lists.

For example, to **hide your Mobile number**, hover the mouse over **Mobile Phones** › Click **Edit** › Click the audience selector, then select who can see it using the drop down menu › Press the **Save changes** button to apply the changes.

**About**

Overview
Work and Education
Places You've Lived
**Contact and Basic Info**
Family and Relationships

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mobile Phones

Texts Activated · Remove

+ Add another phone

Address

Morocco

Save Changes

Cancel

Public
Friends
**Only Me**
Custom

- **To hide your email addresses**, hover the mouse over **Email** › Click **Edit** › Click the audience selector next to each email address, then choose who can see it from the drop down menu. Before you hit the **Save changes** button, you can also click the down arrow next to each email and choose **Hidden from Timeline**.

**About**

- Overview
- Work and Education
- Places You've Lived
- Contact and Basic Info**
- Family and Relationships
- Details About You
- Life Events

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Mobile Phones [Redacted]

Address [Redacted] Morocco

Email [Redacted]@facebook.com [Redacted]  
 + Add / Remove Emails

**Save Changes** Cancel

Public  
 Friends  
 ✓ Only Me  
 Custom

- **To hide your birthday**, scroll down to **Basic Information** › Hover the mouse over **Birth Date** › Click **Edit** › Now, click the audience selector beside your birthday then change its visibility to whatever you want › Press **Save Changes**

**BASIC INFORMATION**

Birthday [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
 [Redacted]

**Save Changes** Cancel

Gender Male

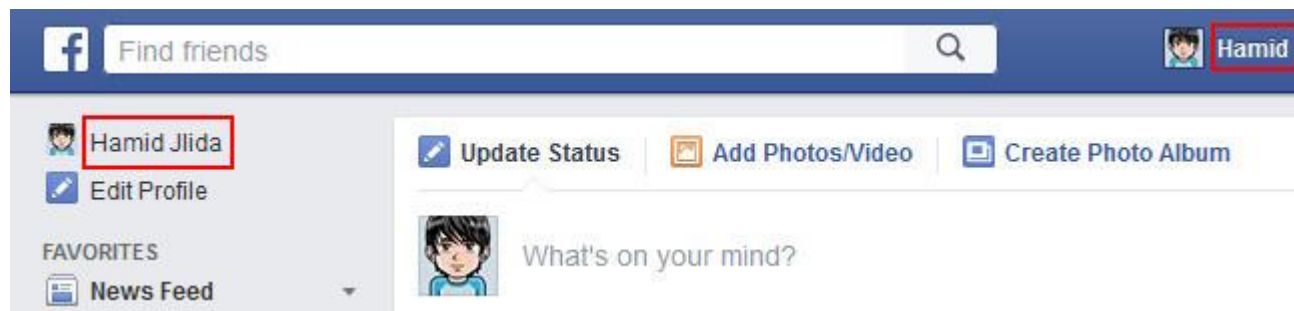
Public  
 Friends  
 ✓ Only Me  
 Custom

You can do the same thing to all the rest of your personal information in the **About** section, such as **Work and Education, Places You've Lived, Family and Relationships, ...**

**Step 5:** To make sure that the settings are doing their job, you should see your profile as a stranger.

# How to Make Your Photo Albums Private on Facebook?

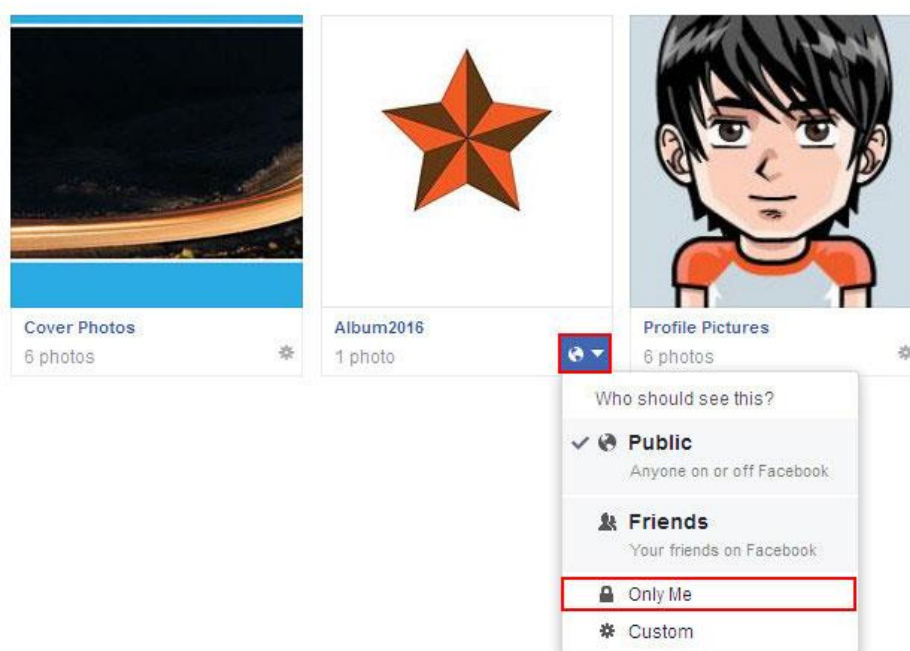
**Step 1:** Login to your Facebook account, then navigate to your timeline by clicking on your name at the top blue bar.



**Step 2:** Click on Photos tab underneath the cover photo, then click Albums to view your existing photo albums.



**Step 3:** Now, you can change the privacy settings for the albums that you've created by clicking the audience selector at the bottom right of those albums, then choose the audience you want from the drop down menu.



For the albums that have been created automatically (Timeline Photos, Profile Pictures, Cover Photos, Mobile Uploads), you'll need to change the privacy for each photo individually.

To make any individual photo private, just open it and click the audience selector at the top right, then choose who can see it from the drop down menu.



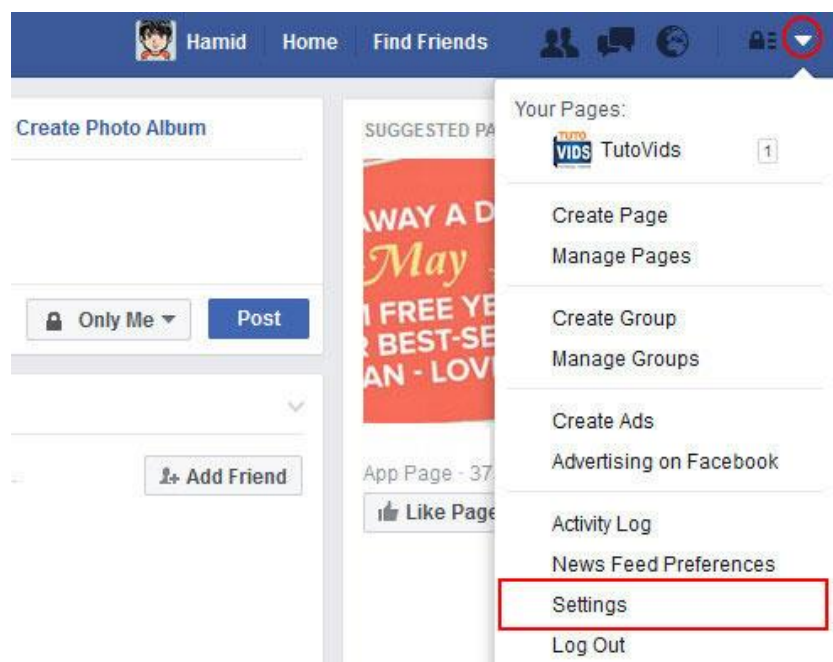
Really, It'll be so hard to set the privacy for each photo individually. Especially, if you have a ton of photos. But, there is something you can do. It may save you time and get you out of this trouble. You can use a tool called Limit Past Posts, to prevent the public from viewing your personal photos. What does this feature do?

Simply, It'll set all your posts and photos on your Facebook timeline to only friends by one click. But also you should take in consideration that if you change your mind later, you won't be able to revert them back in one click. You'll need to do that for each post or photo individually. So, please think of it.

Want to use this tool?

If so, here is how to do that:

**Step 1:** Click the down arrow at the top right of any Facebook page and choose Settings.

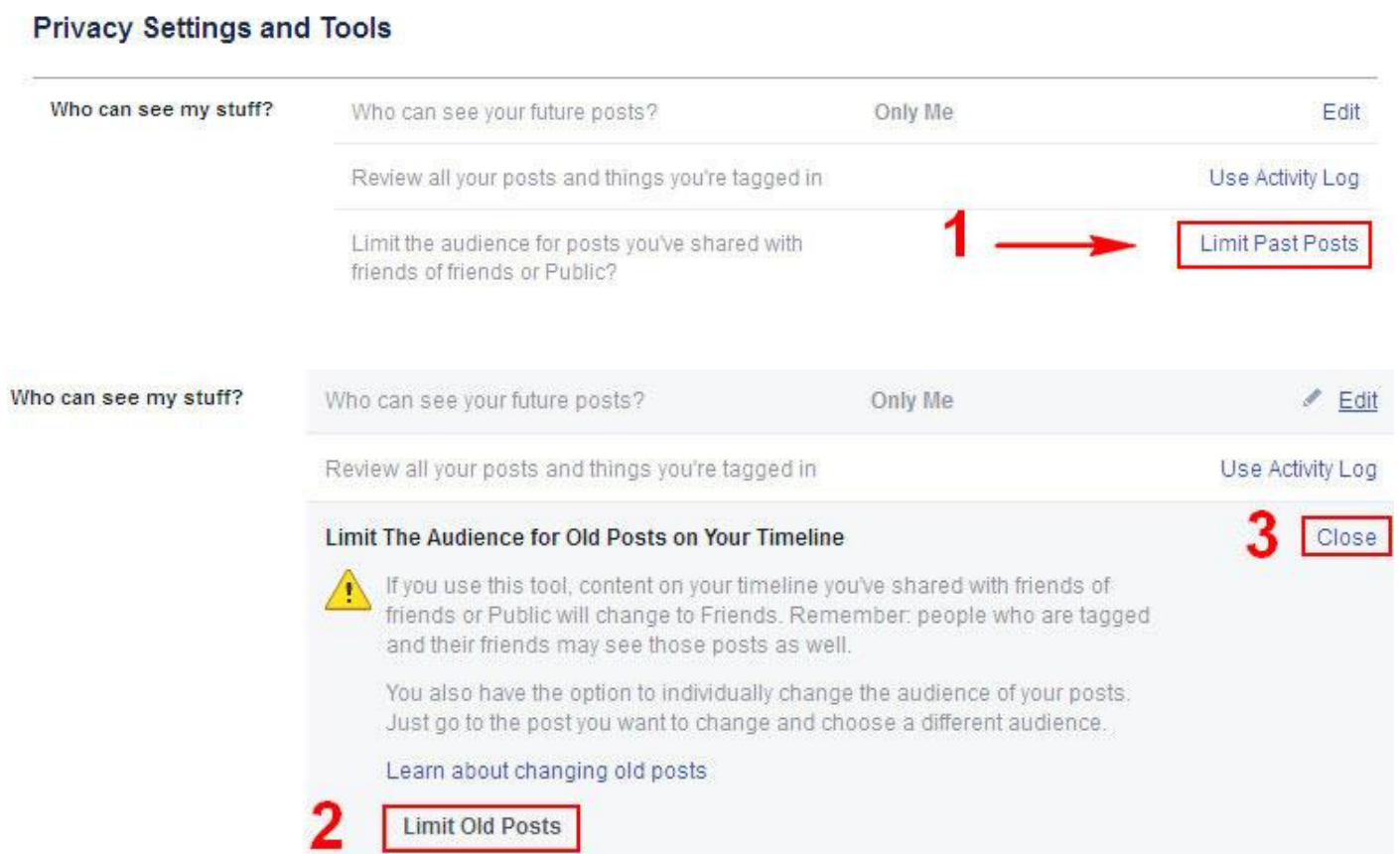




**Step 2:** From the left side, click on the Privacy tab.



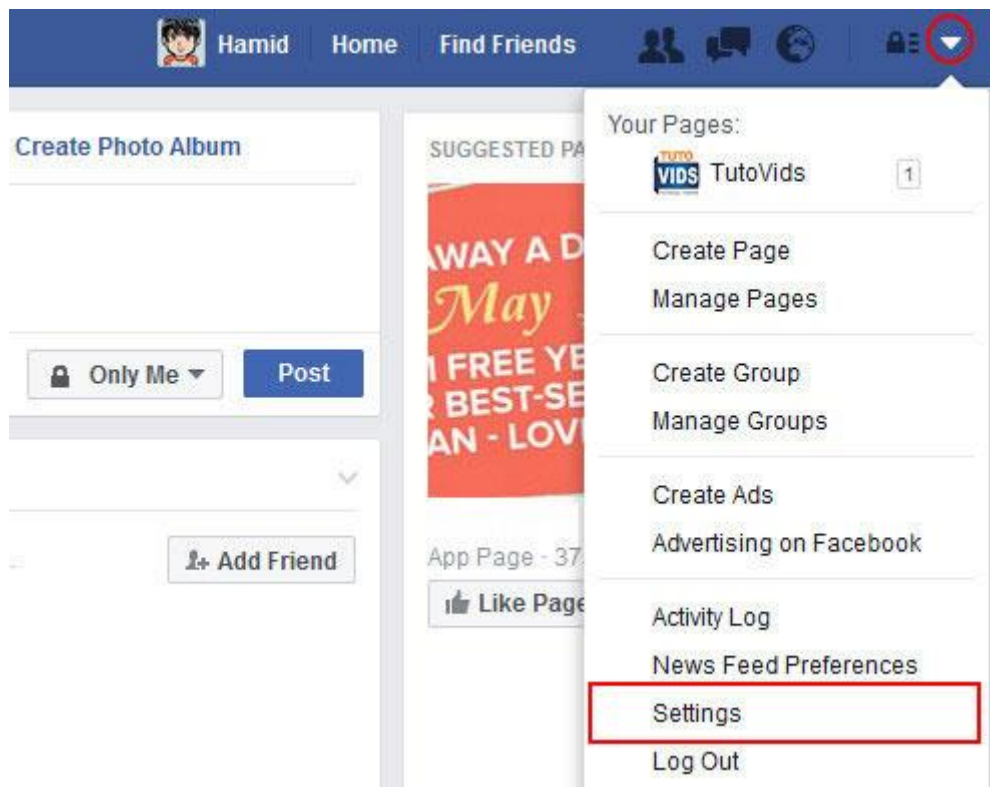
**Step 3:** Locate Who can see my stuff? and click on Limit Past Posts, click on Limit Old Posts button, then press Close.



**Important Note:** You should also make sure that no one is tagged in the photos you would like to make private, or they'll be able to see those photos as well as their friends.

Also, don't forget to customize who can see your next posts by changing your default sharing settings to the desired audience.

Here is how you can achieve that:



**Step 1:** Click Privacy in the left side. After that click Edit next to Who can see your future posts? and choose the desired audience from the list. When you finish adjusting the audience for who can see your future posts, press Close.

## Privacy Settings and Tools

Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts?	Only Me	<b>1</b> Edit
	Review all your posts and things you're tagged in		Use Activity Log
	Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?		Limit Past Posts

## Privacy Settings and Tools

Who can see my stuff?	<b>Who can see your future posts?</b> <div> <p>You can manage the privacy of things you share by using the audience selector right where you post. This control remembers your selection so future posts will be shared with the same audience unless you change it.</p> <p>What's on your mind?</p> <p> </p> <p>Review all your posts and things you're tagged in</p> <p>Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?</p> </div>	<b>3</b> Close
Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests?	
Who can look me up?	Who can look you up using the email address you provided?	

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Who should see this?

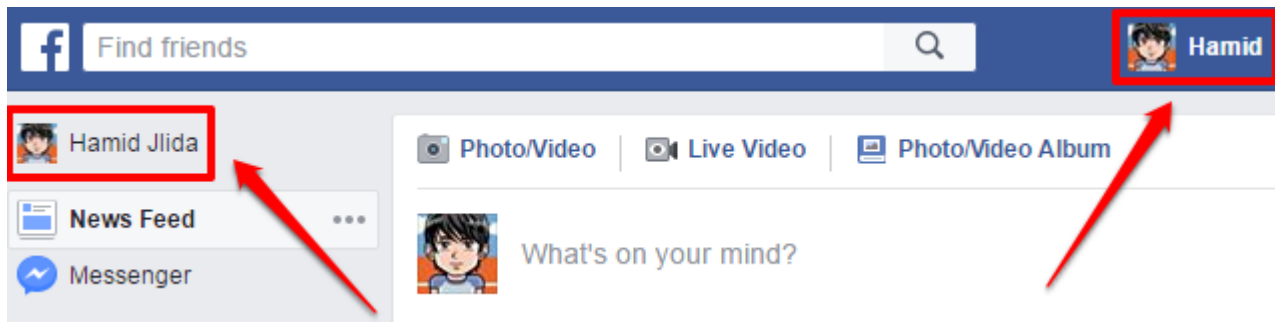
- Public  
Anyone on or off Facebook
- Friends  
Your friends on Facebook
- ☒ Only Me
- Custom

Finally, to make sure that your photos and photo albums are private, you'll need to view your Facebook profile as a stranger.

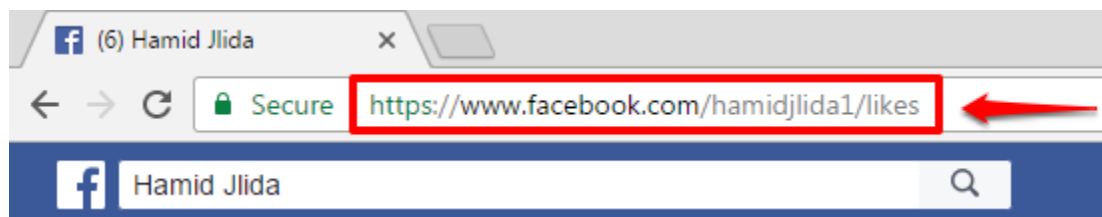
To do so, click the three dots icon underneath your cover photo, choose View As..., then click Photos tab.

## How to Hide your Liked Pages on Facebook?

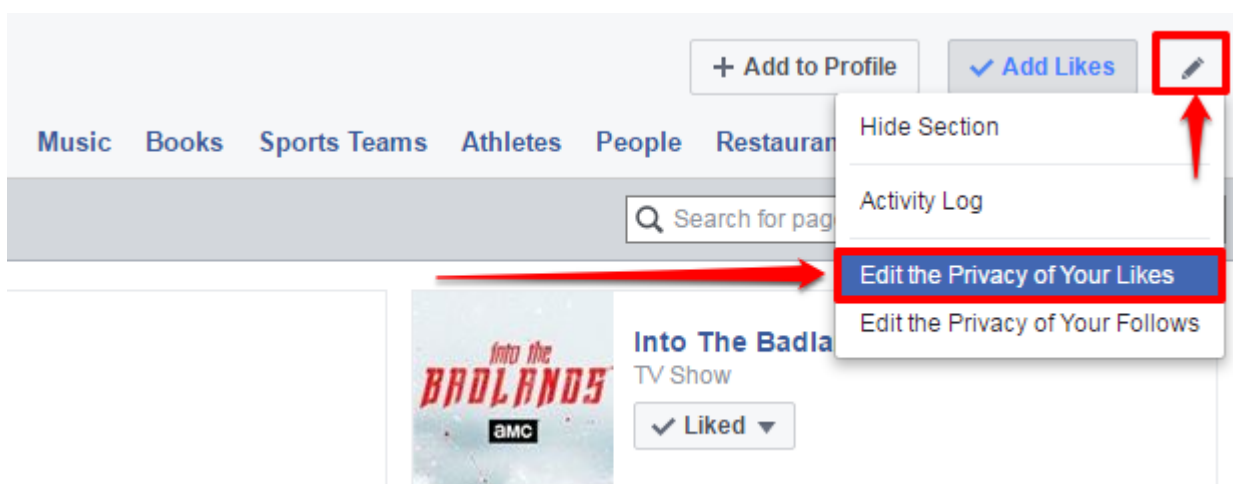
**Step 1:** Sign into your Facebook account and head to your timeline by clicking on your name.



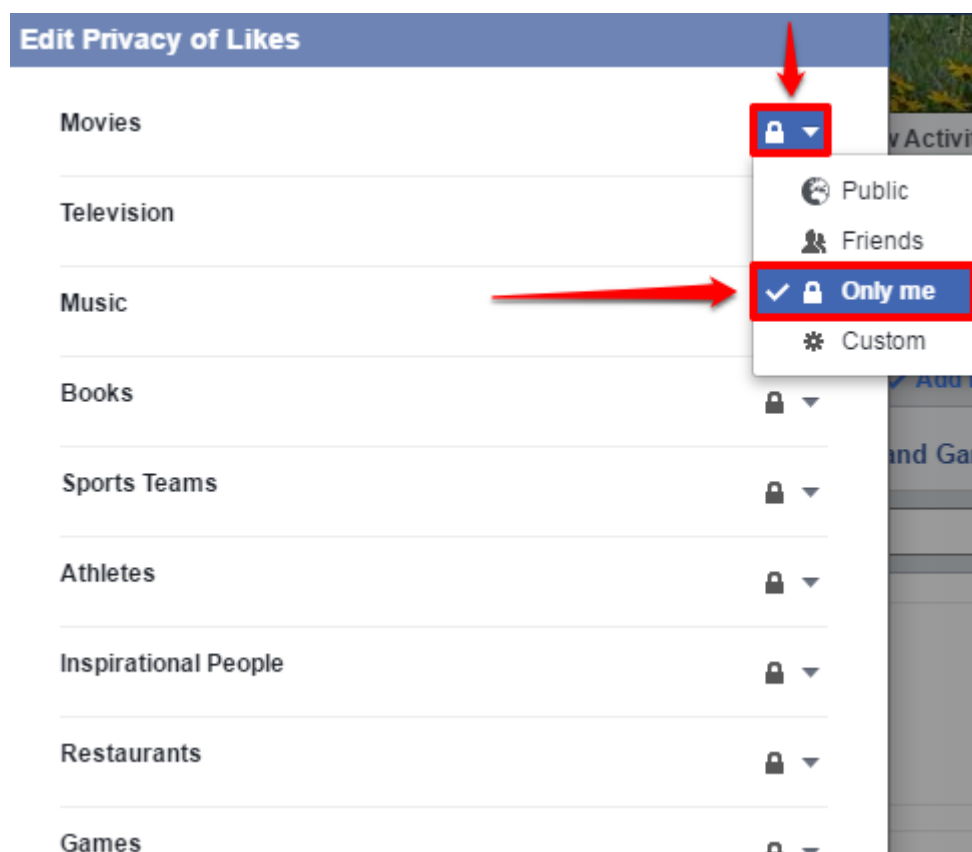
**Step 2:** Click the More section underneath your cover photo, then select Likes from the drop down menu or just Type likes or favorites after your Facebook username as shown in the picture below and press Enter on your keyboard. It should be like this: <https://web.facebook.com/yourusername/likes>



**Step 3:** Click on the pencil icon to the far right of Likes then select Edit the Privacy of Your Likes.



**Step 4:** Click on the audience selector next to each category and choose Only Me to hide them from everyone.



**Step 5:** Press the Close button to finish adjusting your liked pages privacy.