Some suggestions for Auditing your Daughter’s Instagram Account

1. **Is your daughter’s account private or public?**
   I would start with checking if your daughter’s account is on “private” or “public”. A public account means that anyone can “follow” your daughter, meaning they can view all the photos and comments on your daughter’s page. A “private” account means people must send a request to “follow” your daughter in order to see her photos and comments.

2. **How many “followers” does your daughter have?**
   On Instagram your daughter will have “followers” these are people who can see her private page. Some girls currently have up to 700 followers, this is a scarily large number of people to trust with personal images and information. On a “private” account people can request to follow your daughter’s page and she can “approve” or “ignore” requests. Anyone who is following your daughter has access to view her photos and comments. On a “Public” account anyone can automatically follow your daughter without the need to request permission.

3. **Check her Profile details**
   **(these are public even on a private account)**
   Instagram profiles allow your daughter to include her photo, name, username and bio. Profiles are public for all to see, so even if your daughter has a “private” account her profile can be seen by anyone. Most girls are using their full name as their username, which allows for people to search for them on Instagram. Some girls are also including identifiable information like their age, year level, school name and location in their profile which is not necessary. To edit your daughter’s profile click on “Edit Profile” the only required field is “Username.”

4. **Check your daughter’s Instagram Location Settings on her phone.**
   On an IPhone go to “settings” Scroll down until you find the “Instagram” app. Turn Location to “Never”. If the location setting is set to “While using the app” when your daughter uploads a photo to Instagram she will have the option to share her location details of where her photo or video was taken.
3. This is your daughter’s username which can be searched and found by anyone.

2. On private accounts this is the number of people on Instagram who can view your daughter’s account and all her photos and comments. Anyone can “follow” and view her account if it’s public.

3. Your daughter can write anything she wants in the bio section or leave it blank. This information can be seen by everyone and anyone, so she should avoid using personal and identifying information here.

1. Click on this button to change your daughter’s Instagram options. In this section you can see if she has a “public” or “private” account and change it to “private” if necessary.

These are all the people’s pages your daughter can view.