



Internet Safety

Guidelines for Parents....

- Post clear, simple, easy to read online rules on or near your monitor.
- Teach children what identifying or personal information is and to never give it out — home address, school name, telephone number, age, or financial information.
- Teach children to never post photographs on websites that are accessible by the public.
- If your child's online activities are concerning to you, talk to them. Remember—how you approach the situation and respond will determine whether your children will confide in you when they encounter a problem.
- Teach your children to never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they've met online without your permission.
- Teach your children not to click on any links that are contained in email from people they don't know. These could lead to inappropriate websites or a deadly computer virus.
- Teach children that people online may not be who they seem. Someone who says they are a 12-year-old girl could really be a 40-year-old man.
- Keep the computer in a open, family room rather than the child's bedroom.
- Monitor children's email accounts and consider joining them when they are in private chat areas.
- Take advantage of filtering features built into internet browsers and software programs that block areas known to be inappropriate for children.
- If you become aware of child pornography being transmitted, used or viewed while online, immediately report this to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTip Line at 1.800.843.5678 or www.cybertipline.com.
- For more guidelines and games for children go to www.netsmartz.com

Kids' Rules for Online Safety....

- I will talk with my parents or guardians about the rules for going online.
- I will tell a trusted adult if anything online makes me scared, uncomfortable or confused. I will not download anything without permission from my parents.
- I will never share personal information such as my address, phone number, school name or location without my parents' permission.
- I will never respond to messages that are mean or make me feel bad. If I do get a message like that, I will tell a trusted adult and I will never send those kind of messages.
- I will never meet someone in person that I have first met online without checking with my parents.

