



parents and guardians resources

Online

NetSmartz.org
netsafekids.com
kidshealth.org
microsoft.com/protect/family/guidelines/faq.msp
bpl.org/KIDS/Evaluate.htm
Kids.getnetwise.org
netlingo.com/emailsh.cfm

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires websites to explain their privacy policies on the site and get parental consent before collecting or using a child's personal information. This law also prohibits a site from requiring a child to provide more personal information than necessary to play a game or participate in a contest.

Be aware of your child's computer activities

Educate your child about online risks

Check parent-control options available from ISPs

Software available:

- ❖ Filtering programs
- ❖ Monitor or track online activity

Kids should have a screen name that protects their real identity

- ◆ Learn how to block objectionable material
- ◆ Keep the computer or laptop in a common area where you can monitor its use
- ◆ Share an email account with your child
- ◆ Bookmark your child's favorite kids' sites
- ◆ Together, spend time online so you can teach appropriate online behavior
- ◆ Tell your child that it is not safe to enter a private chat room
- ◆ Know that posting messages to chat rooms reveals the user's email address
- ◆ If you believe your child is at risk, you can use monitoring software that will automatically record what they're posting and when they are posting it. One monitoring site is Spectorsoft.com.
- ◆ Make use of parental control software products that allow you to control how much time your teen spends online from their computers. McAfee.com, Symantec.com and Safeeyes.com are a few of the many sites that offer such software
- ◆ Ask about online protection offered by:
 - * your child's school
 - * after-school center
 - * friends' home
 - * other places you child is online
- ◆ Tell you child he or she can always talk to you about any uncomfortable online exchange
- ◆ Forward copies of obscene or threatening messages to your Internet Safety Provider (ISP)
- ◆ Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (800) 843-5678 if you are aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of online child pornography. Notify your local law enforcement agency and/or the FBI if your child has received child pornography via the Internet.

Excerpts from kidshealth.org

Ask your child

“Who is on your friend's list?”

**Don't just give anyone access to your world!
Think before you post anything
about yourself or others!**

Our Mission

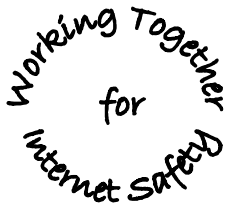
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families:

- Establish simple rules for everyone to follow
- Never reveal personal information:
 - * address
 - * phone number
 - * birth date
 - * school name or location
 - * a mall near you
- Never post personal information about someone else
- Create and use a gender neutral screen name
- Never agree to meet anyone from a chat room in person
- Don't reply to a threatening e-mail
- Don't reply to any threatening message
- Always talk with your parent/guardian about anything you find online that is confusing or scary
- Any "online friends" need to be "introduced online" to parents/guardian

Your best online protection is you!

By talking with your children about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, you will help them surf safely.

Signs to look for:

- Spending long hours online, especially at night
- Phone calls from individuals you don't know
- Unsolicited gifts arriving in the mail
- Your child minimizes the computer screen as you approach the computer
- Your child turns the computer off when you walk into the room
- Reluctance to talk about online activities
- Withdrawal from family life

Do you really know the person you are chatting with?



If someone sends you a message that makes you feel uncomfortable:

**Stop
Block
Tell**

Find Support!

surf safely

Remember to...

Think
Before You Click!



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