



# 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](http://www.cybertipline.com).
- For more guidelines and games for children go to [www.netsmartz.com](http://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.

