

Internet Safety

Tips for Families

Teaming up to keep kids...



Internet Safety Tips

- Ask your Internet provider about features that allow parents to block their children's access to adult-oriented sites, "chat rooms," and bulletin boards. A variety of programs are available.
- Set up guidelines that deal specifically with meeting people on the Internet. Talk to your children about what to do if their new Internet friend asks to see them in person or wants your child to send a picture of him or herself.
- Let your children know that they can come to you if they are receiving messages that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Establish rules to follow when using the Internet.
- Keep the computer in a high traffic part of the house. You can monitor your children's activities without appearing to be watching over their shoulders.
- Spend time on the Internet with your children. Give them a chance to show you what they have learned or the things they like.
- Find websites you think your children will enjoy and "bookmark" them. This will help you direct your children away from using search engines, where they might find inappropriate sites.
- Teach your children about "netiquette" (etiquette on the Internet), so they will know how to behave appropriately on the Internet and will be able to recognize inappropriate behavior on the part of others.

Family-Friendly Internet Sites

The Internet can be a wonderful learning and entertainment tool for you and your family.

Here are a few sites you and your family might enjoy and find educational:

Kids' Sites

Children's Television Workshop	www.ctw.org
Cyberkids	www.cyberkids.com
Walt Disney	www.family.com
Kidlink	www.kidlink.org
KidsCom	www.kidscom.com
Web Wise Kids	www.webwisekids.com

Teen Sites

Do Something	www.dosomething.org
Mighty Media	www.mightymedia.com
Resources for Youth	www.preventviolence.org
Youth as Resources	www.yar.org

Parents' Sites

Baby Center	www.babycenter.com
Parent Time	www.parenttime.com
Parent Soup	www.parentsoup.com
Kids Health	www.kidshealth.org
Parent Partners	www.parentpartners.com

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