

Internet Safety: Keeping Kids Safe

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ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER

The Child Abuse
Prevention Program

Important Tips:

Game consoles, tablets, smart phones, etc. can all access the internet. Monitor ALL devices.

Limit technology use to a common area in your home. This will allow you to easily monitor internet usage. Avoid allowing internet use in private areas like bed rooms.

Use parental blocks or controls to prohibit children from accessing inappropriate content - contact your internet provider.

Tell your child to not give out any personal information on the internet!

Tell your child to avoid talking to anyone that they don't know in person.

Limit your child's use of community forums or chat rooms—these are often filled with unregulated adult content.

If you allow your child to use social networking websites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc.), monitor the information posted and viewed by your child. You should know your child's password(s).

All social networking pages for your child should be set as private. This makes it so the parent can decide who is able to see the child's information.

Remember, internet bullying is a huge problem. This is called cyberbullying. Monitor peer-to-peer interactions on social networking websites.

Keep communication open with your child. Tell them that if they come across anything on the internet that makes them uncomfortable or if they have a question about something, you are open to talk about it.



Check this out!

<https://netsmartz.org>

<https://justice.gov>

<http://kidshealth.org>

According to a survey of 1,500 children, 10 to 17 years of age...

- ⊗ 1 out of 5 children were sexually solicited over the internet
- ⊗ 1 in 4 children received an unwanted picture of nudity or people engaged in sexual acts
- ⊗ 49% of children who were solicited for sex told no one
- ⊗ The most common reason children didn't tell anyone was because they were afraid their parents would take away their internet privileges

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