



Internet Safety Tips

A Guide for Parents

The Internet is a marvelous resource for kids and adults alike, with many websites designed especially for children. There are some areas of the Internet, though, that are not appropriate for kids and can even be dangerous. Parents can help prevent the Internet from being a bad experience by teaching their children the following online safety tips:

- ✓ Never give personal information that identifies and could lead a predator to you. This means your address or phone number, where your parents work, and where you go to school.
- ✓ Tell your parents about anything you find online that makes you upset or uncomfortable.
- ✓ Never agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online without telling your parents and getting their permission. They may be lying to you about who they are and how old they are.
- ✓ If you do have permission from your parents to meet an online friend in person, do this only in a public place and with your parents coming with you.
- ✓ Do not respond to messages and bulletin boards items that are sexually suggestive, belligerent, obscene, threatening, or that make you feel uncomfortable. Show these messages to your parents and have them send it a copy to your Internet service provider.
- ✓ Never send pictures of yourself to anyone online, unless you tell your parents and get their permission.
- ✓ Some Internet sites are for adults only. If you come across these, leave immediately.
- ✓ Follow these rules or your Internet use must be restricted for your own safety.