



Internet Safety Tips for Families



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The Internet can be a wonderful learning and entertainment tool for the entire family.

- ~ Ask your Internet provider about features that allow parents to block their children's access to adult-oriented sites, chat rooms, blogs and bulletin boards.
- ~ Talk to your children about what to do if their new Internet friend asks to see them in person or send a photograph. Be firm and state, "Never reveal yourself to strangers online!"
- ~ 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" (Internet etiquette), so they will know how to behave on the Internet and will be able to recognize inappropriate behavior on the part of others.

Internet Safety Sites:

www.wiredsafety.org

www.pollyklaas.org/internet-safety

www.preventchildabuse.org

Children and Family Friendly Sites:

Children's Television Workshop

www.cwt.org

Cyberkids

www.cyberkids.com

Walt Disney

www.family.com

Kidlink

www.kidlink.com

KidsCom

www.kidscom.com

Web Wise Kids

www.webwisekids.com

Teen and Family Friendly Sites:

Do Something

www.dosomething.com

Mighty Media

www.mightymedia.com

Resources for Youth

www.preventviolence.org