

# Information Security Safety and Ethics Guidelines for Parents

Parents should take the responsibility of their children's online computer use, which reduces the potential risks of being online. Make the following as family rules

Never give identification information like home address, school name, telephone number, photo etc through public messaging services such as chat or bulletin board.

Whenever you are dealing with someone, be sure that you and your child know and trust him/her before giving any personal information via chat, e-mail etc. Use pseudonym/ pseudo name/ false name if the service allows it.

Think carefully before submitting any personal information such as age, marital status or financial information.

Be aware of the services your child uses. Understand the types of information offered by those services.

Get to know your child's Cyber Pals just as you get to know all of their other friends. Never allow a child to fix for a face-to-face meeting with the cyber pal. If a meeting is arranged, make the first one in a public place and be sure to accompany your child.

Never respond to e-mails or messages from unknown/untrusted people

Never respond to e-mails or messages which are obscene, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable. If your child receives any message of this type, forward a copy of the message to your service provider for their assistance and leave the service immediately.

Don't click links or URLs that look suspicious

Let your child be aware of the implications of sending/forwarding unknown/untrusted messages to his/her cyberpals.

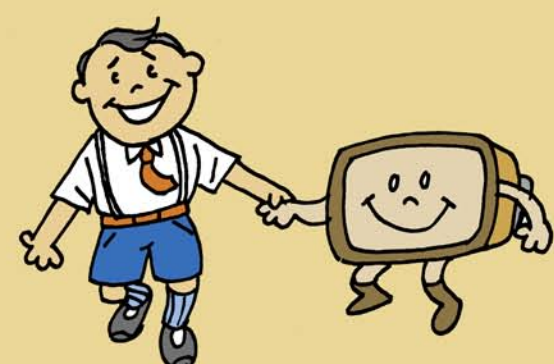
Let your child be aware of copyright issues while using the online information

Since we cannot see or hear the cyber pals, they may not be who they seem. Someone representing as 20 year-old-girl, could in reality be a 40-year-old-man

Remember that everything you read on Internet may not be true. Be careful about any offers that involve asking you to come for a meeting or having someone visits your house.

Ask your child to sign a contract in using computer. Set rules and guidelines for computer use by your children. Discuss these rules and stick them near the computer as a reminder. Keep monitoring them and guide them in case of any deviation from these rules and guidelines. Keep restriction on the amount of time your child spends on the computer. Keep an eye on them if they are using the computer till late night and get to know the services used by them

Keep the computer in a general family room rather than in bed room. Be sure to make this a family activity.



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