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for Parents:

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WHILE CHILDREN NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PRIVACY, THEY ALSO NEED PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND SUPERVISION IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

THE SAME PARENTING SKILLS THAT APPLY TO THE "REAL WORLD" ALSO APPLY ONLINE.



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INTERNET SAFETY  
FOR  
CHILDREN



# CYBER SAFETY FOR THE FAMILY

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## HOW PARENTS CAN REDUCE RISKS TO CHILDREN USING THE INTERNET.

- IF YOU HAVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN'S ONLINE ACTIVITIES, TALK TO THEM.
- SEEK OUT ADVICE FROM TEACHERS, AND LIBRARIANS AMONG OTHERS.
- GET ONLINE YOURSELF. BECOME PROFICIENT IN INTERNET USE.
- IF YOUR CHILD TELLS YOU ABOUT AN UPSETTING MESSAGE, PERSON, OR WEB SITE ENCOUNTERED ONLINE, DON'T BLAME YOUR CHILD BUT HELP HIM OR HER AVOID PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.
- REMEMBER—HOW YOU RESPOND WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THEY CONFIDE IN YOU THE NEXT TIME THERE IS A PROBLEM.

## SOME GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

- NEVER GIVE OUT IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. YOU MIGHT EVEN CONSIDER USING EMAIL ADDRESSES THAT DO NOT SPELL OUT YOUR NAME.
- GET TO KNOW THE INTERNET AND ANY SERVICES YOUR CHILD USES. FIND OUT YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE ACTIVITIES, WHETHER THEY HAVE AN EMAIL ACCOUNT. LEARN THEIR USER NAMES AND PASSWORDS.
- NEVER ALLOW A CHILD TO ARRANGE A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING ON THE INTERNET WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
- NEVER RESPOND TO MESSAGES THAT ARE SUGGESTIVE, OBSCENE, BELLIGERENT, THREATENING, OR MAKE YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE



- REMEMBER THAT EVERYTHING YOU READ ONLINE MAY NOT BE TRUE.

- REMEMBER PEOPLE ONLINE MAY NOT BE WHO THEY SEEM.
- SET REASONABLE RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTER USE FOR YOUR CHILDREN.
- CONSIDER KEEPING THE COMPUTER IN A FAMILY ROOM RATHER THAN THE CHILD'S BEDROOM.
- GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S "ONLINE FRIENDS."
- CONSIDER APPLYING THESE GUIDELINES TO CELL PHONE USE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE.

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