Kids: ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

Going online can open up doors to discovery, adventures, and games. But it can be just as risky as crossing a busy street. It's important to make your time online the wonderful experience it's supposed to be, and you can do just that by following the tips that are listed below—and that you should know by heart! As always, you should talk with your parents or a trusted adult if you have questions about these tips or anything else.

★ Tell your parents or guardian if you see something that makes you uncomfortable.

★ Let your parents know who you talk to online.

★ Never give out your full name or address.

★ Never give out the name of your school or tell anyone its address.

★ Talk with your parents about the dangers of meeting new friends online.

★ Ask your parents for their permission before you buy anything online or sign up for anything.

★ If you download music or movie files onto your computer, don't steal. Check out the rules of pay-per-download services.

★ Don't use your computer or cell phone to bully anyone.

★ If someone sends you an email or text message that is saying mean things about you or someone else, don't respond. Show the message to your parent or guardian.

★ Don't forward a mean or vulgar email or text message.

★ Don't send an email or message from your camera phone that contains a picture of someone else, especially a picture they might not like, without that person's permission.

Above all, make sure you talk with your parents about any question you might have about what's right or wrong about your Internet or cell phone use. Your cyber safety is a family affair!