

Kids' Rules for Online Safety

1. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the service provider.
4. I will not give out any personal information online without my parents' permission. This includes my name, phone number, address, e-mail, location of my school, my parents' work address/ telephone numbers and credit card numbers, and my picture. This goes for anywhere on the Internet, including e-mail, chat rooms, newsgroups - even Web sites that promise me free stuff or prizes, or on Web pages that I make myself.
5. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or jeopardize my family's privacy.
6. I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.
7. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.
8. I will not open e-mail, files, links, pictures or games from people that I don't know or trust. I will always ask an adult first.
9. I will not give out my Internet password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
10. When using the Internet, I will always use a pretend name or nickname that doesn't reveal whether I'm a boy or a girl.
11. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
12. I will not take words, pictures or sounds from someone else's Web site without their permission. I will not believe everything I read on the Internet. I will always check the source of the information and confirm it with my teacher, parent or librarian.