



Safe Internet Surfing



Tips For Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Tips For Parents:

- Place your computer in a family-friendly room rather than in a child's bedroom or basement
- Set age-appropriate and consistent guidelines for using the computer. Monitor the amount of time and when it is used.
- Create a password that is hard to guess but easy to remember to prevent computer use when you are not around. Change this password often.
- Install computer monitoring software to track websites and chatrooms visited and e-mails sent. Let your child know they should not expect privacy on the computer.
- Be aware of when your child is sending images. Carefully watch the use of webcams, digital cameras and mobile phones.
- Ensure your child knows to never give out personal information on the computer
- Explain the risks of providing information to people your child doesn't really know
- Never allow your child to chat with or meet a computer stranger
- Report suspicious online activity to the police

Tips For Kids:

- Remember to use your safety sense online as if you were talking to a stranger face-to-face. The person you are chatting with may not be who you think.
- Always use a code name
- Never give anyone you meet online personal information
- Never send anyone your picture. Don't accept any photographs sent to you.
- Never respond to a message(s) that make you feel uncomfortable. Tell your parents immediately.
- Never send a rude or insulting message to anyone online.
- Report harassing or threatening messages to your parents
- Never agree to meet someone you met online without checking with your parents first

Helpful Websites:

www.bullybeware.ca
www.bullying.org
www.cybersmart.org

www.bullybeware.com
www.cyberbullying.ca
www.cybertip.ca