

Protecting your kids online

1. Tell children WHY personal information should not be shared with anyone
2. Use parental controls to restrict who communicates with your child
3. Talk to your child about what they are doing online
4. Educate and empower your child by being honest about dangers that exist on the internet
5. Locate the computer in a central area in your house, never in the child's bedroom

Internet Safety Tips

- Keep your Account ID and password private--even from your best friend! Your online service will never ask for them, so neither should anyone else.
- Use only your D-Name when chatting with your online friends and posting messages.
- **Don't give out personal information about yourself or anyone else.** This means no posting of phone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses, Social Security numbers, passwords, or any other private information. You should not share the name of your school or the name of your school's team. Also, do not ask anyone else to post his or her phone number, address, e-mail address, Social Security number, password, or any other private information.
- Don't share photos of yourself, your family, or your home with people you meet online.
- Never open and always delete unknown e-mail attachments. They can contain destructive viruses.
- If a person writes something that is mean or makes you uncomfortable, don't respond. Just log off and tell your parents, who can report it to your online service provider.
- Remember that nothing you write on the Web is completely private -- including e-mail. So be careful and think about what you type and who you tell.
- Not everyone is as nice, cute, and funny as they may sound online. Never make plans to meet an online "friend" in person.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT -- always ask your parents for help -- and just LOG OFF if you're not sure! You can always go back online later.**