

SAFE KIDS SUMMER EVENT

Internet Safety Tips for Parents

1. Monitor your child's Internet use consistently.
2. If your child belongs to a social networking site look closely at what information they have posted in their member profiles and blogs.
3. Talk to your child about your Internet safety concerns in a positive way and give them the opportunity to make safety resolutions that you can both live with (example, how much time can be spent online? Are chat rooms permitted?).
4. Explain that your kids should: NEVER give out personal information (name, address, phone, school name), NEVER meet anyone from online without your permission, NEVER open emails from unknown senders and NEVER share their photo with strangers over the Internet.
5. Encourage your children to bring anything strange or upsetting to your attention and don't overreact when they do.
6. Know who their online friends are (and who is on their buddy list).
7. Check with your Internet service provider to find out if filtering or monitoring is available.
8. Internet accounts should always be in the parent's name. Kids should never share their passwords with anyone other than their parents.
9. Notify the police if someone your child met online starts calling them, sending gifts or trying to lure them from home.
10. Check your credit card statements each month for unusual charges that may indicate that your child is making unauthorized purchases online.
11. Kids on the Internet need adult supervision. Keep the computer in a public area of the house.

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