



# *Cyber Smart Kids*


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## Tips from Cyber-Smart Kids

- As I surf the 'Net, I promise never to reveal to someone I meet online my real name, address, telephone number, or the school I attend or give out my photograph. I promise to be sure that I am dealing with someone that my parents know and trust before giving out any personal information about myself via e-mail.
- 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.
- I will be careful when someone offers me something for nothing online, such as gifts and money. I will be very careful about any offers that involve my going to a meeting or having someone visit my house. And I will tell my parents about these offers.
- 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 I will bring my mother or father along.

- I will always tell my parents if anything I find online bothers me so they can contact our online service provider.
- No one should ever ask me to keep secrets from my parents. If someone I meet online asks me to keep a secret from my parents, I will tell my parents.
- I pledge to remember that people online may not be who they seem. Because I can't see or even hear the person it would be easy for someone to misrepresent himself or herself. For example, someone indicating that "she" is a "12-year-old-girl" could in reality be an older man.
- 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 Web sites for me to visit. I will not access other Web sites or break these rules without their permission.
- If someone is on my e-mail "buddy list," "friend list," or "contact list" and I only know that person online, he or she is someone I should be cautious about because I don't know him or her well. I pledge to wait to get to know my "online friends" just as I get to know all of my other friends. I need to let my parents know who my "cyber friends" are.

I can report any-  thing that is

threatening or suspicious to the Attorney General's office by calling (800) 252-8011.

### Useful links

Web Wise Kids  
<http://www.webwisekids.com/>

FBI Internet Safety Tips for Kids  
<http://www.fbi.gov/kids/crimepre/internet/internet.htm>

Federal Trade Commission Internet Privacy Section for Kids  
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/kidzprivacy/kidz.htm>

Center for Missing and Exploited Children Internet Safety Quiz for Kids  
<http://www.missingkids.org/quiz/internetquiz.html>

Other useful sites  
<http://www.yahooligans.com/docs/safety/>  
<http://www.safekids.com/>  
<http://www.safeteens.com/>