



Kids' Rules for Online Safety

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission. I will not use personal information like my last name and date of birth when I create a screen name.
2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents.
4. I will never send a person my picture or post photos or videos online without first checking with my parents.
5. 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.
6. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online.
7. I will not give out my Internet password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents. I will be sure to log-out of this public computer when I am finished.
8. I will not download or install software or do anything that could possibly hurt the computer. I will not open an email or an email attachment from someone I don't know as it may contain a virus.
9. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
10. I will respect the minimum age requirements of social networking websites and blog hosting websites. They are there to protect me.
11. I will talk to a librarian, my teacher or my parent about safe and accurate websites for research.

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