

Internet Safety for Children

1. Take responsibility for your child's online computer use.
2. Keep the computer in a family room rather than in a child's bedroom.
3. Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use.

Rules should decide the time of day the child can be online, the Length of time they may be online, and appropriate sites they may Visit while online

4. Spending time online with your child is the best way to both learn about the Internet and to teach your children responsibility.

5. Encourage your children to share their favorite web sites and help them discover new web sites that can help them with their homework or highlight their interests.

6. Remind them that everything they read online may not be true.

7. Investigate the various software filters that are available to block web sites you may not want your children to visit.

8. Learn about the e-mail filter options provided by your Internet Service Provider (AOL, MSN, AT&T etc.) or the e-mail program you are using (Outlook, Eudora, etc.).

9. If you find that your child is receiving inappropriate e-mail messages take advantage of the e-mail abuse services available through your Internet Service Provider (abuse@yahoo.com, abuse@aol.com, etc.).

10. Teach your children never to give out identifying information such as home address, school name or telephone number, credit card number or password. Warn them never to respond to messages that make them feel uncomfortable and never to arrange to meet anyone they have met online without your permission.