

Internet Awareness

Interactive Presentation

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Learning the basics of Internet Safety

- Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.
- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.

Learning the basics of Internet Safety

- ◉ Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, and make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.
- ◉ Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
- ◉ Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and using webcams.
- ◉ Continually dialogue with your children about online safety.

Quick Quiz

- ◉ Where should you keep your family computer?
 - > in the privacy of your child's room
 - > in a rarely used room
 - > in a high traffic area
 - > in any room your child wants

Correct!

- ◉ Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- ◉ This helps them be aware that their internet activity is being monitored
- ◉ It also ensures that you as a parent can keep up with what they spend their internet time on



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Help children maintain online privacy

- Children can hurt themselves when they reveal too much information. Inappropriate pictures, videos, and conversations posted online may come back to haunt them. Help your children take control of their personal information with the following tips.
- Make sure that your child takes advantage of the privacy settings on social networking sites.
- Pre-approve the pictures and videos your child posts online.
- Remind your child never to post e-mail addresses or cell phone numbers.

Help children maintain online privacy

- Tell your child that passwords should only be shared with parents and guardians.
- Teach your child not to respond to any e-mails requesting personal information and to delete e-mails from unknown senders.
- Discuss how to keep screen names and e-mail addresses gender-neutral, appropriate, and free of any information that could reveal identity.
- Encourage your child to tell you right away if anything happens online that bothers or frightens him or her.

Quick Quiz!

- ◉ What should your child never share with anyone unfamiliar?
 - > Passwords
 - > Phone numbers
 - > Email addresses
 - > Pictures or videos of themselves
 - > All of the above

Correct!

- No one should ever share personal, private information with people they do not know.



Ways to avoid problems

- ◉ Monitor your child's computer use
- ◉ Make sure they know they can talk to you if they feel uncomfortable
- ◉ Stay in touch with the updates in social networking, texting, language, etc.
- ◉ Don't ever let your child have unlimited, unsupervised computer access – it can be extremely dangerous! They might not realize a trap that is set for them.

Cyberbullying

- bullying through Internet applications and technologies, such as:
 - > instant messaging (IM)
 - > social networking sites
 - > cell phones
- It can start easily—with a rumor, a photo, or a forwarded message—and just as easily spiral out of control.
- Cyberbullying victims may be targeted anywhere, at any time.

How to handle cyberbullying

- Tell your child not to respond to rude e-mails, messages, and comments.
- Save the evidence, such as e-mail and text messages, and take screenshots of comments and images. Also, take note of the date and time when the harassment occurs.
- Contact your Internet service provider (ISP) or cell phone provider. Ask the website administrator or ISP to remove any Web page created to hurt your child.
- If harassment is via **e-mail, social networking sites, IM, and chat rooms**, instruct your child to “block” bullies or delete your child’s current account and open a new one.
- If harassment is via **text and phone messages**, change the phone number and instruct your child to only share the new number with trustworthy people. Also, check out phone features that may allow the number to be blocked.
- Get your child’s school involved. Learn the school’s policy on cyberbullying and urge administrators to take a stance against all forms of bullying.
- Make a report to www.cybertipline.com, and if you feel something illegal has occurred, inform law enforcement.

Quick Quiz!

- How should you, as a parent, handle when your child is getting cyberbullied?
 - > Block any communication, tell the police if it is serious
 - > Respond back and be just as mean
 - > Get all your child's friends to gang up on the one who is bullying your child
 - > Tell the child's teacher to punish that child and leave it all up to them

Correct!

- Make sure there is no way for the cyberbullying to continue
- If the situation is serious enough, alert any authorities that need to know

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