



i-Parent Safety Tip Sheet

· Keep the computer in an open area

A responsible adult should always accompany minors while they access the Internet to provide support and direction should they be confronted with an aggressive solicitation or inappropriate materials.

· Beware of all requests for your personal information online

Criminals copy logos perfectly to trick you. Legitimate companies never send unsolicited requests for personal information. Never give out personal information unless you initiate the correspondence.

· Respect your child's privacy

Respect your child's privacy but make certain they know personally everyone on their e-mail "buddy" list. Work to generate parent and child trust that supports open and honest Internet use.

· Delete unsolicited attachments

Viruses, worms, and Trojan horses are activated by opening an infected e-mail attachment. "Spoof" viruses make email look like someone you know sent the message. Use updated anti-virus software, install a firewall, and regularly monitor your computer.

· Know intellectual property and copyright regulations

Using file-sharing programs for downloading music can open up your computer to identity thieves by giving access to your personal information. Downloading music and movies without paying for it is illegal.

· Be a part of your child's online experience

It can be a fun journey to explore the wonders of the Internet as a family. As computer-savvy as kids and teens are today, they will certainly teach you a thing or two!

· Get involved in your community

Contact your school and make sure they are teaching Internet Safety using i-SAFE America curriculum and volunteer to help. Find out when the Ky Center for School Safety is offering an i-SAFE training and attend to become a trainer, then teach Internet Safety at your church, community group or PTA.

For more information on keeping your children safe in the physical and virtual worlds, go to www.kycss.org. Go to www.isafe.org for additional Internet safety tips.

Remember the 4 R's

RECOGNIZE techniques used by online predators to deceive, groom, or intimidate their victims.

REFUSE requests for personal information or a face-to-face meeting.

RESPOND assertively by exiting the program, logging off, or turning off the computer.

REPORT any suspicious or dangerous contact that makes you or your child feel uncomfortable.

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