

Internet Safety

Staying Safe Online

The Internet is a great place to socialize, but it is important to be aware of risks.

Common sense and following safety guidelines can help you stay safe online.

Safety Guidelines

- Be wary when communicating with people you don't know in real life
- Don't disclose personal information--even if it doesn't seem important
- Block/report if you are being harassed
- Ask a trusted adult if you need help

Be wary of strangers



- If a person reaches out to you online claiming to know you, proceed with caution
- Ask friends if they are being contacted as well
- It's very easy for a person to be dishonest online--it's good to be wary

Don't disclose personal information



- Usernames should not contain personal information (full name, birthday, age)
- Be careful with information about your life, even if it feels unimportant (school mascot, schedule)
- If somebody is asking you for personal information online, stop communication

Don't be afraid to block or report



- If you feel uncomfortable with an interaction, stop communication
- Block communication if needed
- If person continues to reach out, report harassment to the website admin

Ask for help



If you aren't sure how to deal with an online interaction, talk to a trusted adult (parent, teacher, coach)

Use common sense



If a situation
doesn't feel right,
trust your instincts.

- Expectations of privacy when using:
 - The Internet
 - Social networking sites
 - Email
 - File sharing
 - Instant messaging
 - Mobile applications
 - Desktop software
 - Business software
 - Corporate network

- Written policies and procedures
- Handling of confidential information
 - Passwords
 - Personal information
 - Customer information
 - Company confidential information