

Keeping Your Personal Information PRIVATE

Simple rules to prevent an information leak:

1. DO NOT share E-mail account information.
2. DO NOT give out address, phone or SSN .
3. Choose passwords that are hard to guess—change them frequently.
4. Use a uni-sex pseudonym.
5. When using a credit card watch for the lock or key symbol
6. Look for a privacy seal
7. Log off your provider when not in use.
8. When registering on-line, be careful to check read carefully. You may be OPTING-IN to a SPAM site, rather than opting-out!
9. Don't open E-mail when you don't know the sender
10. Don't open E-mail with endings such as "vbs., exe., bat or scr." they could contain a virus or worm.
11. Back-up your data regularly.
12. Use anti-virus software.
13. Dedicate ONE credit card, with a low limit for internet purchases. Then WATCH IT!!

Crime prevention

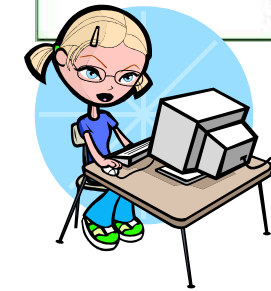
PRESENTATIONS

AVAILABLE On:

- ◆ PERSONAL SAFETY
- ◆ HOMELAND SECURITY
- ◆ HOME AND PROPERTY SECURITY
- ◆ INTERNET SECURITY
- ◆ IDENTITY THEFT
- ◆ COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION
- ◆ AUTOMOBILE SAFETY
- ◆ TRAVEL SAFETY
- ◆ TELEPHONE / CELL PHONE SECURITY
- ◆ CHILD SAFETY
- ◆ DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Contact:

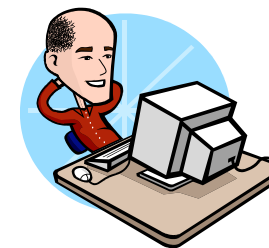
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Information



Communication



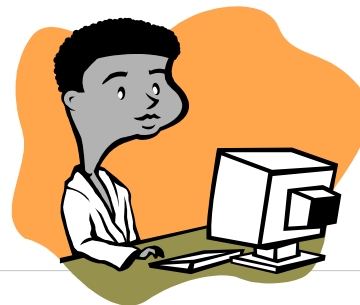
Disaster



Safety Tips for Parents

- Keep computer use in the family room rather than the child's bedroom.
- Place the screen so that it is easily monitored from across the room.
- Use the internet with your children. Spending time with you can monitor their habits, enjoy their company and teach them to be safe.
- Never give out identifying information. Explain WHAT personal information is and WHY it is important to keep that information with-in the family.
- Create clear ground-rules for internet use, in writing. This will help mediate misunderstandings later.
- Tell children not to respond to offensive e-mail or conversations but instead to contact you immediately.
- A child or teenager's excessive use of online services, chat rooms or bulletin board late at night could be an indicator there is a potential problem.
- Any offer that is "to-good-to-be-true" probably is!

- Teach them to show you ANYTHING they receive that makes them uncomfortable.
- Know the services your child uses. Find out what types of information it offers.
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user, without parental permission. If a meeting is arranged, make sure it is in a public spot, and that you accompany your child.
- Do not respond to suggestive messages, pop-ups, or bulletin board items. If you or your child receive messages that are harassing, sexual, or threatening, make a copy and notify your provider.
- Remember, people online may not be who they seem. You do not have the physical clues to alert you to misrepresentations. Someone indicating they are a 12 year old girl could be a 40 year old man.
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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.
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. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and I will bring my mother and/or father along.
4. I will never send a person my picture or anything else 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.
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) except my parents.
8. I will be a good citizen on line and will not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.

Signed by Child

Date

