

Best Practices for Kids On-Line Safety

1. Keep all of your personal information to yourself.

Information like your address, telephone number, or even where you go to school and what you do afterwards can lead to a dangerous situation down the road.

2. Never give out your picture or post it online.

Your image is everything; don't let someone destroy it. Anything you send could be altered and then given to other people.

3. Always use a neutral screen name.

It is important that your username not reveal any personal information such as your age, sex, or location.

4. Don't give out passwords to anyone other than your parents.

Your password can be used in a variety of ways that may hurt you. If you think that someone may know your password, change it.

5. Don't trust everyone you meet online.

Some people are not who they say they are. For instance, someone online could claim to be 12 and really be 50.

6. If you come across anything that makes you uncomfortable, tell your parents.

This includes pictures, messages that are mean, or anything else that makes you feel uncomfortable.

7. Ask your parents before meeting an online buddy in person.

Meeting an online buddy in person is risky. If your parents agree to the meeting, be sure to meet in a public place and bring them with you.

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