

## Parents

“It's not at all uncommon for kids to know more about the Internet and computers than their parents or teachers. If that's the case in your home or classroom, don't despair. You can use this as an opportunity to turn the tables by having your child teach you a thing or two about the Internet. Ask her where she likes to go on the Internet and what she thinks you might enjoy on the Net. Get your child to talk with you about what's good and not so good about his Internet experience. Also, no matter how Web-literate your kid is, you should still provide guidance. You can't automate good parenting.”

[www.webwisekids.org](http://www.webwisekids.org)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY?

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT

# Internet Safety for Kids



**Be Cyber Safe!**

## Internet Safety Tips for Parents

- Monitor your child's Internet use consistently in an open area.
- Talk to your child about your Internet safety concerns in a positive way.
- Explain why your child should never give out personal information of any kind such as name, address, phone, school name, photos, passwords, etc.
- Monitor your child's social networking site such as MySpace.com, Facebook.com,



Tagged.com, Xanga, Bebo.com, etc.

- Encourage your child to let you know immediately if they feel uncomfortable, threatened, unsafe, or even if they find something strange on the Internet. Do not overreact!
- For more information see recommended websites.

## Internet Safety Tips for Kids

- DO spend more time with real life friends than virtual friends.
- DO tell an adult if someone online harasses you or wants to talk about sex.
- DO cut off contact with anyone who pressures you for your personal information (name, age, size, photo, address, family information.)
- DO be careful of strangers who try to turn you against your family while promising to be your best friend (they may send you gifts and give you lots of compliments, but at the same time, they are possessive of your time and critical of your parents.)



- Do NOT exchange pictures with strangers through the Internet.
- Do NOT open e-mails/instant messages or download attachments from people you don't know.
- Do NOT fill out your information to win free stuff.
- Do NOT go to meet someone you don't already know in real life.

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## Internet Safety Websites



[www.cybersmart.org](http://www.cybersmart.org)



[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)



[www.wiredkids.org](http://www.wiredkids.org)



[www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org)



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