INTERNET & CELL PHONE SAFETY
FOR KIDS – THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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The Internet is great for....

- Staying in touch with friends
- Doing homework
- Downloading music
- Watching videos
- Playing games
But you have to be careful...

- Predators/stalkers
- Cheating
- Stealing/file sharing
- Spyware/spam/scams
- Bad language/ pictures/videos
- Violence/hate/cyberbullying
What Kind of Information Should You NEVER Share Online??

- Your Full Name ...
- Your Home Address ...
- Your Birthday ...
- Your Phone Number ...
- Your Parents’ Names ...
- Your School Name ...
How Well Do You Know That Person You’re Talking To Online?

- You MAY NOT know the truth about people you first “meet” online
- You can be lied to or betrayed
- Unsafe online spaces to talk with people, even people you know in person:
  - Chat Rooms
  - Game Rooms
Be SMART To Be SAFE!!

- Only talk with people online that you know in person
- Time does not equal trust
- It doesn’t mean you really know the person
- Be suspicious; **ANY** person worth having as a friend wouldn’t ask you to put yourself at risk or do **ANYTHING** you are not comfortable with!!
WARNING

• Your online “friend” may be a predator if they...
  • Turn you against your parents...
  • Isolate you from your friends...
  • Make you keep everything a secret...
  • Send inappropriate material, ask for inappropriate material, or talk about explicit subjects that make you feel uncomfortable...
  • EVER threaten you...
Lurkers – observe online spaces and watch without saying a word...

Sharing personal information with a friend in a public space can expose you to lurkers...

They may follow you to different sites to put together the pieces...

They are always on the lookout for more information about you...
When is it cheating?

- Texting a friend for an answer to a test question?
- Taking a picture with a cell phone of a test to share?
- Storing notes on a cell phone to look up during a quiz or test?
- Downloading a paper or report from the Internet and turning it in as your own work?
- Copying text from a website and turning it in as your own work?
- Searching the Internet for a teacher’s manual or publication with answers?
Why Cheaters Fail Every Time...

- Teachers know how to detect cheating...
- Few students get away with it for very long...
- Cheating is NEVER worth it...
  - Your grades may be affected...
  - You may get suspended...
  - You may get expelled...
Illegal File Sharing & Peer-To-Peer Networks

- Peer-to-Peer (P2P)
- Just because you find something on the Internet does not mean that it is OK to copy, download or use...
- Music, videos and software are copyrighted materials...
- Copying or sharing them is illegal without permission from the creator...
- Download copyrighted material – like music – from sites where you legally buy the files (iTunes)...
- Always use your own words when using something from the Internet for homework...
Files do not always contain what you expect them to.
- A file may contain a virus...
- Once the virus is on your computer, it may be too late to prevent or undo the damage ...
- A file may install spyware on your computer...
- Ask a parent or guardian for permission before downloading anything.
- Always keep your antivirus software and spyware up to date.
- When in doubt, ask your parent for help.
Plagiarism

- Always use your own words when using something from the Internet for homework...

- If somebody else wrote something or said something, they deserve the credit for it and it will get you in trouble if you use someone else’s written work as your own...
Bad Language...Posting Pictures...Sharing Videos

• **Bad Language**
  • Do not say anything online that you would not say to your mother...
  • If someone else is using bad language, ask them to stop or leave the site immediately...
  • Remember, a conversation on the Internet is **NEVER** private...
Posting Pictures...of ANY kind

• Share pictures of yourself only with family and friends you know in person.
  • You can’t control what others do with them...
  • Once posted to the Internet, you have lost control...
  • Pictures can be copied or Photo-shopped (altered or changed)...

![Image of a person looking at a laptop with hands covering their mouth]
What should you do if you discover bad language, pictures or videos?

- Bad language – ask for it to stop, delete the message or leave the site.
- Bad pictures/video – turn off the monitor and tell a trusted adult.
- It may not be a good idea to delete pictures and/or videos because an adult may need to show them to police.
Cyber Bullying

- Cyberbullying: What is that??
- Spreading rumors and gossiping online...
- Posting someone else’s pictures or videos without their permission...
- Stealing passwords to pretend to be someone else online...
- Bothering or bullying someone online with mean or bad words...
- Trying to scare someone with threatening words...
- Not treating others like you would expect to be treated...
Is it REALLY that funny??

What you may think is funny may not be funny to the person that you played the joke or prank on...

Always ask for permission before sharing a photo..

Don’t take the risk of ruining a friendship!

That friend you make fun of might just be the first person that would stand up for YOU behind your back...
Make SMART, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL Choices Online

- Talk to a trusted adult if you feel scared...
- Do not respond to rude or offensive messages...
- Save messages that could be used by the police as evidence of a crime...
- Do not share personal information online, including information that appears in pictures...
- Share passwords with your parents but never anyone else...
- If someone ever threatens you, talk to a trusted adult and contact law enforcement immediately...
- NEVER talk with strangers online...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME...HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER!!!
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