

# 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 ...***

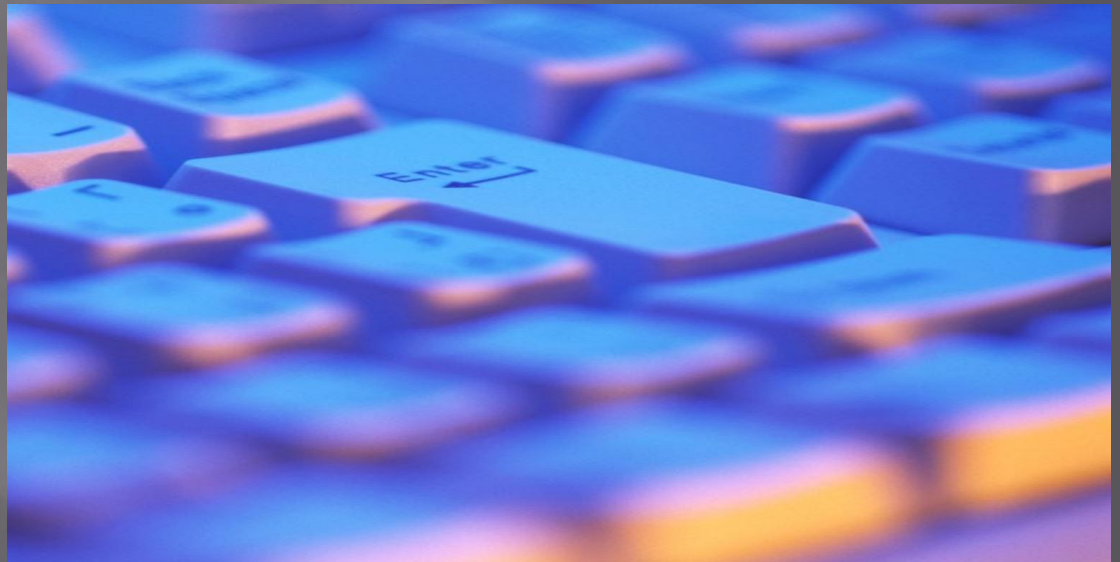
***Your Phone Number ...***

***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...

# Predators and Lurkers

- 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...





# Cheating and Cell Phones

- 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...

# File Sharing Hazards



- 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)...



# **Bad Language... Pictures...Videos**

- **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...**

# What It Looks Like...



I'm going to hurt you



# Anyone Can Be A Bully, That's Easy...But It Takes Someone Special To Take A Stand Against It!!



- 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  
EACHOTHER!!!***



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