

CYBERSAFETY



- 1** KEEP YOUR PASSWORD PRIVATE.
- 2** DON'T SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION.
- 3** DON'T USE SCREEN NAMES THAT REVEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION.
- 4** DON'T OPEN EMAILS FROM STRANGERS
- 5** POST APPROPRIATE PICTURES ON SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES.
- 6** DON'T SEND MESSAGES WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY.
- 7** DON'T RESPOND TO BULLIES.
- 8** NEVER MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH SOMEONE YOU MET ONLINE.
- 9** USE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES RESPONSIBLY.
- 10** DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ ON THE INTERNET.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Do not share personal information or your password.
- Do not post your picture or use screen names that can reveal personal information on the internet.
- Watch for the following signs when receiving messages from others you don't know well and if they happen, tell an adult; print the message and do not delete it:
 - asks for a lot of information from you, yet offers little in return,
 - sends you lots of messages and lots of compliments,
 - asks for photos and personal or private information, and
 - requests to meet you in person (never go without parent/guardian's permission).
- Do not open e-mails from strangers and do not open unknown attachments.
- Look for a privacy policy on visited websites when information is requested from you.
- Refrain from sending messages when angry or responding to bullying messages.
- Ignore a bully's email, text messages and other forms of cyberbullying messages.
- Report to an adult if in receipt of an inappropriate, anonymous message, a threat, or other upsetting materials to see if the message can be traced through the Internet Service Provider.
- Block any numbers or e-mail addresses that send offensive messages.
- Know that cyberbullying causes pain and harm to others who are "unseen".
- Use discernment regarding the information received via cybertools because people misrepresent who they are and can send false messages or information.
- Use social networking sites responsibly.
 - Set your profile to private (this controls access) but know others could still have access so use caution with information shared, and personal information posted, online.
 - Post appropriate pictures and discuss appropriate topics because this information can end up on the Internet or other kids' profiles.
 - Know that predators can find you by the information you post; AVOID posting any personal information like your address, school, siblings, etc.
 - Know you may be held accountable for inappropriate information posted; schools are developing policies to allow disciplining for online behavior, even if written at home, and some inappropriate information is against the law. Note that messages via cybertools that might be perceived as a serious threat may result in suspension, expulsion, or even arrest.
- Call 1-800-843-5678, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children if exposed to child pornography and inform an adult.
- Report harassment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) 602-279-5511.

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