



How to Keep Your Child Safe on the Internet

The Internet is a wonderful place to explore, study, and play. However, your child needs to be aware of all the dangers the Internet poses. Don't let your child visit chat rooms.

Explain to your child that if he or she wouldn't give out his or her phone number, address, or other personal information to a stranger on the street that it's no different online.

They may want to talk to someone who claims to be a young person but is a far cry from it. It's easy for people to lie online to trick children into giving out personal information.

Here are a few tips on how to keep your child safe and keep you up on what your child is doing:

- Know for yourself how the Internet works.
- Place the computer in a high traffic room, not the child's bedroom.
- Set parental controls and advisors on your computer to block out certain emails.
- Surf the Internet with your child, showing him or her how it works.
- No matter what anyone says, tell your child to NEVER give out personal information.

- Encourage exploring the Internet for the purpose of learning.
- Learn the “lingo” older children and teenagers like to use. Such as: “pos” ~ parent over shoulder and “paw” ~ parents are watching.
- No matter what anyone says, tell your child to NEVER give out personal information, including age and can name of school.