

## ***Internet Safety Begins With You!***

The Internet is a great tool for children to learn about and explore the world. Unfortunately, many online dangers exist in this virtual environment. The Kentucky Center for School Safety recognizes that parents are key in protecting and educating students on appropriate Internet use.



*Talk with your children about appropriate Internet behavior before it is too late!*

## **Internet Safety**

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## ***INTERNET SAFETY : What Can Parents Do?***



***Parents Can Make A  
Difference in Protecting  
Their Children on the  
Internet.***

## ***KCSS Tips for Parents***

- **Create an open dialogue** with your child to talk about their activities on the Internet and create rules for computer use.

- **Adults and youth use computers in different ways** for different things. Engage your child as your teacher in what's available online that you don't know about.

- **Place home computers** with Internet access in a visible location where you can monitor your child's activities.

- **Surf the Internet** with your child and discuss where the child likes to go and what they like to do. Use this time to educate your child on the dangers of visiting inappropriate sites, opening unknown E-mails/messages, befriending virtual acquaintances, and giving out personal information online.

- **Activate or buy software** or navigational programs that limit your child's Internet use. Remember that software does not take the place of parental guidance.

- **Help your child create accounts/** profiles on social networking sites, and know the password to any account he/she creates, just as you reserve the right to go into their room in your house. Also, create your own account on any social networking site (i.e. MySpace, Xanga, Facebook) and mandate your child to add you as a friend. This gives you access to your child's personal web pages and activities.

- **Tell your child never to give out personal information** to anyone, such as name, age, birthday, school name, city, phone number, picture and other identifying information, and be cautious about information provided in casual conversation. Be sure all accounts are set to "private."

- **Tell your child never to meet face-to-face** with someone they met on the Internet unless they have your permission, and tell you right away if any online comments or activity makes them uncomfortable.



- **Inform local law enforcement,** school, or Internet Service Provider (ISP) when you or your child is concerned about Internet threats or illegal activity.

- **Check the KCSS events calendar** for a free iSafe (Internet Safety) training in your school or community.

**The Kentucky Center for School Safety offers various resource materials and free Internet Safety trainings for schools and community agencies. Please contact KCSS to learn more about what is available.**



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