

Know the Net



-SAFE is a program designed to empower students, parents, teachers, and whole communities to keep kids safe on the Internet.

On the Internet, what you don't know *can* hurt you. Knowledge is power, so read through and become familiar with the terms listed below. Ask your parents and teachers whether they've been trained in the i-SAFE program to help keep you safe online. The Kentucky Center for School Safety offers free training to schools and community organizations.

Cyber Grooming: The process online predators use to trick their victims by building false trust and relationships. [See article next page.]

Harassment: To annoy someone repeatedly. For example, a Net user cursing at, following, or mocking another Internet user.

Identifying Information: Personal information that can be used by online predators to distinguish you from another person and possibly find you in real life. (Like your name, age, phone number, address, school, friends' names, and family names)

Internet Safety: The concept of being educated and empowered to take control of your online experiences. Also involves recognizing and making smart and responsible decisions in potentially dangerous situations.

i-Parent Program: A meeting where i-SAFE Internet safety information is provided to parents. An i-Parent Program is the opportunity to get involved with raising Internet safety awareness throughout the community.

Obscene: Offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty.

Predator: One who stalks or uses lies, secrecy, or stealth to get close enough to another person in order to easily hurt or harm them.

Prey: A victim or someone who is vulnerable to victimization.

Stalk: To obsessively pursue a person from place to place on the Internet, attempting to find out personal information.

To keep yourself and your friends safe online, call the KCSS Clearinghouse at (877) 805-4277 or log on to isafe.org.



Practice the 4 Rs

Take control of your online experiences by practicing the 4 Rs:

Recognize techniques predators use to deceive you.

Refuse requests for personal information.

Respond assertively in uncomfortable or compromising online situations.

Report suspicious or dangerous contact on the Internet.

(From i-SAFE at www.isafe.org)

Stay safe in cyberspace

Surfing the Net is a fun way to spend your time, but it's also important to stay safe out there in cyberspace. These next pages will tell you how. Pull this section out, share it with your parents, and keep it next to the computer.