

# INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & ONLINE LEARNERS

- Procedures and Resources -

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- <http://www.google.com/familysafety/>
- <http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/uploads/1stLL.pdf>
- <http://www.atg.wa.gov/InternetSafety/Adults.aspx>
- <http://www.spysoftware.com/internetsafety.html>
- [http://www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/other/InternetSafetyAdults.htm](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/other/InternetSafetyAdults.htm)

**Related Web Links Via The  
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### Statistics and Issues:

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**Fact:** 86 % of the girls polled said they could chat online without their parents' knowledge, 57% could read their parents email, and 54% could conduct a cyber relationship (Girl Scout Research Institute 2002)

**Tip:** Parents need to discuss internet safety with their children, indicating possible hazards.

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**Fact:** Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, Social Security number, credit card number or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.([consumerreporting.org](http://consumerreporting.org))

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**Tip:** Don't give out any financial information, such as checking account and credit card numbers; and especially your social Security number; on the phone or online, unless you initiate the call and know the person or organization you're dealing with. Don't give that information to any stranger. In general, it is only required for medical providers, banks, mortgages and credit card companies.  
(consumerreporting.org)

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**Fact:** Many crimes that are committed in the real world also occur on the Net. These include fraud and embezzlement, harassment, "stealing" an identity, or stalking. A lot of information is available about you on the Net, and an enterprising criminal can find out a lot about you and use this information to his/her disadvantage. A criminal could use basic information about you (discovered on the Net), and then engage in "social engineering"--contacting your friends, co-workers, relatives, etc.--to learn even more. (Cyberstalking and Internet Safety FAQ by Rachel R. Hartman)

**Tip:** Be VERY careful to whom you give personal information and where you post information. Use a "nonsense" password that has no relation to you as a person; use a combination of numbers, symbols, and letters and make sure it is at least 6 characters long. Change your password frequently and NEVER give it out. Try not to keep it written down. Avoid using the same password for multiple accounts. (Cyberstalking and Internet Safety FAQ by Rachel R. Hartman)

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### Ten Tips for Internet Safety:

1. Talk about potential dangers of the Internet with your child – talk to your child openly about anything they are concerned about.
2. Locate computers in common areas in the home, not your child's bedroom.
3. Ask questions about your child's use of the Internet.
4. Insist on access to passwords for the sites your child uses.
5. Periodically search your child's name on the Internet.
6. Watch what is posted about your child's identity on community or game sites.
7. Install monitoring software on your family's computers that will help monitor your child's Internet activity.
8. Use an interactive educational safety resource, available for children ages 5 to 17 at [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)
9. Remind your child NEVER to give out his/her name, address, school name, or other information that could be used for identification.
10. Encourage your children to talk to someone they know in the real world – not the virtual world – if they are concerned about something. Remind them NOT to start relationships with someone on-line.

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- ▣ All students at *Exploratorium Academy* are strategically monitored with their on-line application by their case-manager.
- ▣ Students are given assigned pass codes to access their on-line learning resources by the Director who re-issues new pass codes at random. This is done to protect student's work and academic identity.
- ▣ All students are required to forward interchangeable dialogue to their case-managers for review and input upon request or in the event that they feel uncomfortable.

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- ❑ On-line chats are recorded for review at all times. Parents are encouraged to participate in these posted discussions.
- ❑ The Director supervises all chats and has the ability/authority to disconnect any un-authorized user.
- ❑ The use of web-cams are in current discussion as we are considering using this concept to monitor students at work during various assessments.
- ❑ Students are encouraged to use a secure pass code per their internet access and to change it frequently to ensure safety of their files and documents.

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