

# The FBI

## Internet Safety Tips

#1 Never give out personal information.

#2 Never write to someone who makes you feel uncomfortable, even if you know who they are.

#3 Never meet someone or have them visit you without your parent's permission.

#4 Tell a trusted adult right away if you read or see anything on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable.

#5 Remember that people online may not be who they say they are.

Cyber Smart = Cyber Safe !



## TCA Tips for Parents

- Keep an open dialogue with your child about their activities on the internet, and create rules for computer use.
- Put your home computers with internet access in a visible location where you can monitor your child's activities.
- Surf the Internet with your child and use this time to educate your child on the dangers of visiting inappropriate sites, opening unknown emails or messages, befriending strangers online, and giving out personal information online.
- 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. Be sure all accounts are set to "private".
- If you allow your child to have a social networking account, help to set them up and know their passwords, just as you reserve the right to go into their rooms at home. Create your own account on the site (i.e., Facebook, MySpace) 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 meet face-to-face with someone they meet on the internet.
- Inform local law enforcement when you or your child is concerned about Internet threats or illegal activity.
- Consider implementing a family agreement for internet use, such as the sample on the next page, or create your own.

## Family Agreement for Internet Use in Our Home

- I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online.
- I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
- I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, or the name of my school without my parents' permission.
- I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable.
- I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could hurt our computer.
- I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online.
- I will help my parents understand how I use the internet to learn new things.



Signatures

Child \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*May be detached to hang by your computer.

## Reference Guide for Internet Research

- Teach your children to use alternatives to Google, Yahoo, etc. For school research there are excellent **electronic databases** available through the Pikes Peak Public Library's online catalog at [www.ppld.org](http://www.ppld.org):
  - Just logon the website and select Electronic Reference.
  - Then login with your library card number and password.
  - Next, choose Children.
  - You will now have a list of electronic databases to search for authentic information.
- Use **World Book Encyclopedia Online**, which is available through TCA. The website is: [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com).
  - UserID: district20
  - Password: d20library

Remember: the internet is a great tool for children, however, many online dangers exist in this virtual environment.

### What can you do at home?

- Your internet service provider may include a **filtering system**. If so, be sure to set the parental controls for your internet access.
- If your ISP does not provide filtering, consider purchasing and installing a filtering system for your home computer.



## Internet Safety Resources

Listed below are some internet safety resources that you may read online:

iSafe:

[www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org)

Stay Safe:

[www.staysafe.org](http://www.staysafe.org)

Safe Kids:

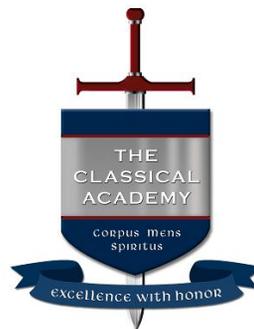
[www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com)

NetSmartz:

[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)

SafeTeens:

[www.safeteens.com](http://www.safeteens.com)



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## *What Can Parents Do?*



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