

BASIC TIPS FOR SAFE INTERNET SURFING:

Parents and teachers should set ground rules:

- Agree on appropriate sites to visit.
 - Make sure you know how much time your child is spending online.
 - Know who your children are talking to.
 - Know what your child is doing online.
 - Place your family computer in a room which you can monitor your child's computer usage (i.e. a living room).
 - If you feel a predator is attempting to lure your child, make sure you notify the Police.
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- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, as well as a firewall, and update them all regularly.
 - Monitor what websites your children visit by talking to them or using tracking software.
 - Don't email personal or financial information.
 - Be cautious about opening any attachment or downloading any files from emails you receive, regardless of who sent them.

For further information, please contact the Milpitas Police Department, Community Relations Unit.

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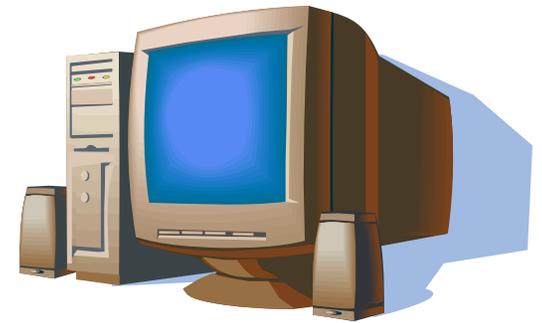


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INTERNET SAFETY



WHAT DO CHILDREN USE THE INTERNET FOR?

- Chatting
- Homework
- Games
- Instant Messaging
- Email
- Research
- Blogging

WHICH ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS?

ALL OF THEM! There are several dangers to children using the internet—hackers, threats, spamming, bullying, adult and child pornography, phishing, child enticement and predators.

SHOULD YOU BE WORRIED?

It depends on how you use the internet. If you and your children are smart about it, then going online can be a fun place to spend time.

WHAT IS MYSPACE AND FACEBOOK?

Myspace and Facebook are internet message boards most commonly used by kids, teens and young adults as a social network to share blogs, art, music and photos.

ARE THERE DANGERS TO MYSPACE AND FACEBOOK?

Yes! Myspace and Facebook are the new playground for child sexual predators. Myspace and Facebook allow children to put their personal information and personal pictures in their profiles. Both websites do not verify if any information provided is accurate, so anyone can pretend to be a young child in an attempt to lure your child.



CYBER BULLYING

- Cyber Bullying is the use of computers, internet, instant messaging, cellular phones, etc, to harm others with messages and/or pictures.
- Bullies use the internet to inflict emotional and behavioral harm on others through blogs, messages, pictures etc.
- Bullies use websites like Myspace and Facebook to post inappropriate or fictitious information and/or pictures about their victims.
- Cyber Bullying does not require personal interaction and can be done even with the victim initially being unaware they are victims.

PHISHING AND POP-UP'S

Phishing is a scam where Internet fraudsters send spam or pop-up messages to lure personal and financial information from unsuspecting victims. To avoid getting hooked:

- Don't reply to email or pop-up messages which ask for personal or financial information.
- Don't click on links in the message.
- Don't cut and paste a link from the message into your Web browser — phishers can make links look like they go one place, but actually send you to a different site.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM PREDATORS?

- Make sure your children keep their identities private!
- Never give out any personal information, including last name, birthday, address, where you hang out, school name or telephone number.
- Never allow your child to meet a stranger they chatted with online.
- Children should never respond to emails or instant messages from people they don't know.
- Monitor who your children talk to online and what websites they visit.
- Place your family computer in a room which you can monitor their usage (i.e. a living room).