

Safety tips & Advice

INTERNET SAFETY

The internet can be a fun place for socialising and learning, but it can also be used by adults to exploit children in a sexual way. Children and parents need to learn safe behaviours when using the internet: It is important that we take the time to guide, assist and supervise our children in the use of the internet.

Helpful hints

- Choose a non identifiable, non gender specific username;
- Never send a picture of yourself to someone you don't know, and never place a full profile and picture of yourself anywhere on the internet;
- Never give out any personal information whilst using IM or other networking programs including your real name, telephone or mobile phone number, mailing address, passwords or banking details;
- Never accept a friend, file or download from a person you don't know, this includes links to a website;
- Know how to save copies of your child's IM conversations;
- Be careful – people you meet online may not be who they say they are;
- Never give out personal information when you're chatting online;
- Take a parent with you if you want to meet someone face to face that you've only spoken to online;
- If you see something that upsets you online leave the site straight away and tell an adult;
- Treat strangers on the internet the same as you would treat strangers in real life.
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If any of the following situations occur, you should immediately contact police:

- Your child or anyone in the household has received child pornography.
- Your child has been sexually solicited.
- Your child has received sexually explicit images.

If any of these scenarios occur, keep you computer turned off in order to preserve evidence and assist police in their inquiries.

Further advice on internet safety is available at:

www.Cybersmart.gov.au

www.thinkuknow.org.au

www.bullyingnoway.com.au

www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com



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