

Internet Safety Begins With You!

The internet is a great tool to children to learn about and explore the world. Unfortunately, many online dangers exist in the virtual environment. The Kentucky Center for School Safety recognizes that parents are key in protecting and educating students on appropriate internet usage.

Issues to Address:

When Computers are in the Home!

- Privacy Issues
- Monitoring Use
- Beware of Inappropriate Social Networking/Gaming Sites
- Age Appropriateness
- Website Credibility
- Online Purchasing

(List is Limitless)



Internet Resources About

You may download this brochure and other school safety resources at
The Kentucky Center for School Safety
www.kysafeschools.org

For More Information
Other Resources Available:

Common Sense Media
www.common sense media.org

NetSmartz
www.net smartz.org

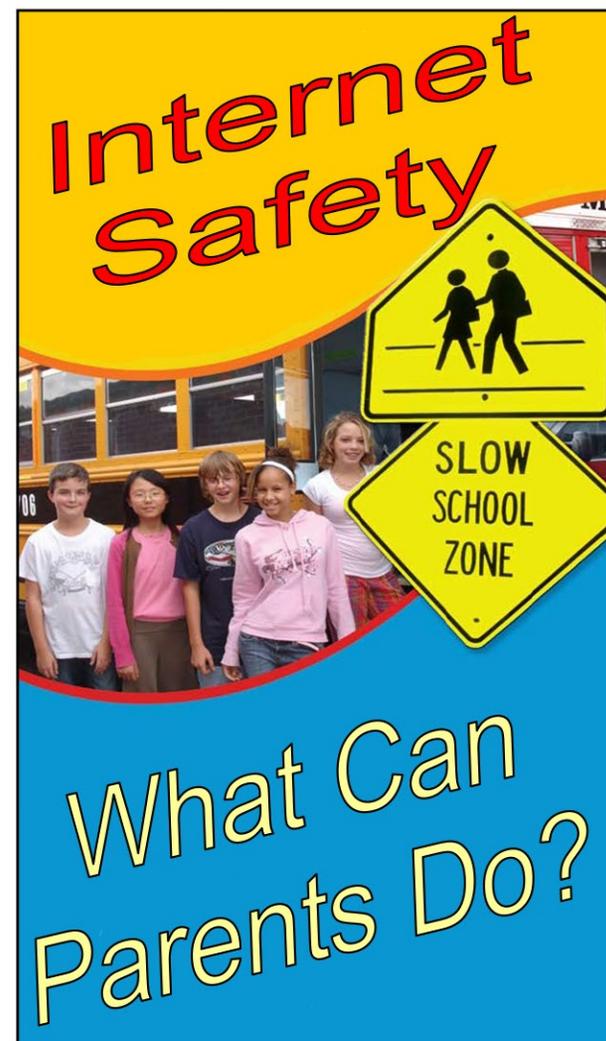
Stay Safe Online
www.staysafeonline.org

OnGuard Online
<http://www.onguardonline.gov>

Parent Resource Center
i keepsafe.org/PRC

A Family Guide to Using the Internet
<http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/internet-safety/family-guide-to-using-brochure-pdf.pdf>

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KCSS Tips for Parents

- ▶ **Create and open dialogue** with your child to talk about their activities on the internet and create rules for compute use.
 - ▶ **Adults and youth use computers in different ways** for different things. Engage your child as your teacher in what's available online that you don't know about.
 - ▶ **Place home computers** with internet access in a visible location where you can monitor your child's activities
 - ▶ **Surf the internet** with your child discuss where the child like to go and what they like to do. Use the time to educate your child on the dangers of visiting inappropriate sites, opening unknown emails/messages, befriending virtual acquaintances, and giving out personal information online.
 - ▶ **Activate or buy software or navigation programs** that limit your child's internet use. Remember that software does not take the place of parental guidance.
 - ▶ **Help your children create accounts/profiles** on social networking sites, and know the password to any account he/she creates, just as you reserve the right to go into their room in your house. Also, create your own account on social networking site (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, MySpace) and mandate your child add you as a friend. This gives you access to your child's personal web-pages and activities
- ▶ **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, and be cautious about information provided in casual conversation. Be sure all accounts are set to "private."
 - ▶ **Tell your child never to meet face-to-face** with someone they met on the internet unless they have your permission, and tell you right away if any online comments or activity make them uncomfortable.
 - ▶ **Inform local law enforcement**, school, or internet service provider (ISP) when you or your child is concerned about internet threats or illegal activities
 - ▶ **Check the Kentucky Center for School Safety calendar** for a free iSafe (Internet Safety) training in you school or community



**Talk with your
children about
appropriate internet
behavior before
it's too late!**