Internet Safety Quiz

Below are ten questions that have to do with safety on the Internet. If you are using the Internet for research, for social activities, communication, or just for fun (and even if you're not!) it's important that you know this information.

1. The Internet gives us access to many resources we couldn't otherwise come in contact with.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

2. Information on the Internet can always be trusted to be factual. It wouldn't be online if it wasn't true.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

3. Anything I send in my private email, IM or chat cannot be seen by others.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

4. Websites must have my permission to put online any personal information about me, like my phone number, address or birthday.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

5. If I want to know something about a stranger that sends me an Instant Message, I can check their profile and trust that information.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

6. Installing a virus checker on my machine will keep my PC safe.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

7. Putting blocking software on my child's PC will keep my child safe.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

8. I can always trust emails and attachments I get from friends.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

9. People who look for children to harm often don't get caught until they've hurt over 30 children.
   ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

10. Criminals and terrorists are sending encrypted messages in photos as forwards being mass-emailed around the world.
    ❏ **TRUE** ❏ **FALSE**

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Internet Safety Quiz Answers

Below are ten questions that have to do with safety on the Internet. The truth about these safety issues is in italicized text following the question.

1. The Internet gives us access to many resources we couldn't otherwise come in contact with. *That's probably the best thing about the Internet…it gives us instant access to things that are far away, things that are locked away, things that even don't really exist yet. It's a travel agent, a museum guide, and a party with friends from other continents!*

2. Information on the Internet can always be trusted to be factual. It wouldn't be online if it wasn't true. *The Internet is an open forum for anyone and everyone. Bias is the rule rather than the exception. Evaluate carefully ALL information on websites, personal or public.*

3. Anything I send in my private email, IM or chat cannot be seen by others. *There are people and programs which can "see" into your private correspondence online. NEVER send personal information unless you are positive it is a secure site.*

4. Websites must have my permission to put online any personal information about me, like my phone number, address or birthday. *Check out www.kycss.org for a listing of websites that post exactly these things…without your permission.*

5. If I want to know something about a stranger that sends me an Instant Message, I can check their profile and trust that information. *Part of the wonder of the Internet is it's anonymity… and the scariest thing, too. Unlike the physical world, you cannot verify a person's age, location, etc. online so it's easier to lie and get away with it.*

6. Installing a virus checker on my machine will keep my PC safe. *Just installing the program will help for a little while, but new viruses are spawning all the time. Update and run the software at least once each month.*

7. Putting blocking software on my child's PC will keep my child safe. *Blocking software, by itself, will not keep your child safe from sending out personal information and putting your family at risk, among other things.*

8. I can always trust emails and attachments I get from friends. *New programs and viruses send out emails to everyone in your inbox without their knowledge or consent. Verify it is in fact from your friend first.*

9. People who look for children to harm often don't get caught until they've hurt over 30 children. *Most online predators aren't caught until they've terrorized or harmed at least this many children.*

10. Criminals and terrorists are sending encrypted messages in photos as forwards being mass-emailed around the world. *The answer here is really frightening, if you forward a lot of "goodies." This is, in fact, reality. LIMIT forwards to only those truly interested in this information.*

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