

Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens from SafeKids.com

- **Personal Information.** Don't give out personal information without your parents' permission. This means you should not share your last name, home address, date of birth, school name, or telephone number. Remember, just because someone asks for information about you does not mean you give it!
- **Screen Name.** When creating your screen name, do not include personal information such as your last name or date of birth.
- **Passwords.** Don't share your password with anyone except your parents. When you use a public computer make sure you logout of the accounts when you are done.
- **Online Friends.** Don't agree to meet an online friend unless you have your parents' permission. Not everything you read online is true.
- **Online Ads.** Don't buy anything online without talking to your parents. Some ads may try to trick you by offering something for free or saying you have won something as a way of collecting your personal information.
- **Downloading.** Talk to your parents before you open an email attachment or download software. Attachments sometimes contain viruses. Never open an attachment from someone you don't know.
- **Bullying.** Don't send or respond to mean or insulting messages. Tell your parents if you receive one. If something happens online that makes you feel uncomfortable, talk to your parents or to a teacher at school.
- **Social Networking.** Many social networking websites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) and blog hosting websites have minimum age requirements to sign up. These requirements are there to protect you!