

# Internet Safety

**Back to School Night**  
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# KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online



# Internet Services

- Web browsing
- Email
- Chat/Messaging
- Newsgroups
- Social networking
- Shopping
- Information
  - Text
  - Pictures
  - Movies
  - Music
- And more!

# Potential Dangers and Risks

- Privacy
  - Personal info
- Security
  - Viruses
  - Hackers
- Cyber bullying
- Online grooming
- Inappropriate content
- Online scams
- Identity theft



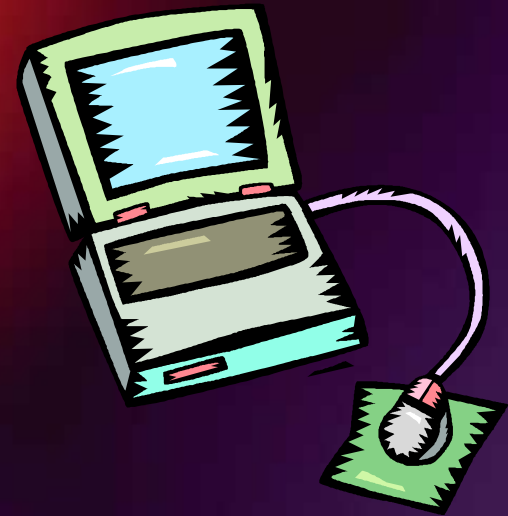
# Potential Dangers and Risks (continued)

- Cyber Bullying
  - Flaming
  - Harassment
  - Denigration
  - Trickery
  - Cyber stalking
  - Impersonation
  - Outing
  - Exclusion



# Where is the Internet?

- Home
- School
- Friends' homes
- Library
- Mobile Internet enabled device
  - Cell phone
  - iPod Touch
  - iPad



Access is everywhere – therefore  
we need to prepare children for

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# Ages 2 – 7

What are kids doing?

- Preschool websites
- Explore computer
- Learn computer parts
- Age 5
  - > Learning websites
  - > Email correspondence

What can parents do?

- Select the sites your child can visit
  - > Research
  - > Bookmarks
- Email correspondence limited and done together
- Use filters to limit access



# Ages 8 – 11

What are kids doing?

- Exploring Internet
- Chatting and corresponding online
- Using logins and passwords
  - > School related
  - > Personal ?
- Skills and independence increases

What can parents do?

- Make Internet exploration a family activity to allow close supervision
- Discuss and emphasize safe online behavior
- Investigate chat rooms or clubs of interest to kids
- Filters
- Children's search engines

# Ages 12 – 18

What can parents do?

- Harder to supervise, but stay involved
- Reinforce safety rules and privacy guidelines
- Understand laws relating to copyright, privacy, software piracy, hacking and obscenity

What are kids doing?

- Independent and self-assured
- Homework and projects
- Online and email contacts expand
- Can be extremely “Net Savvy”
  - > Hacking systems
  - > Manage hardware and software

# What To Do:

1. Keep the computer in a public area
2. Establish and enforce rules and guidelines for computer/Internet use (contract or pledge)
3. Discuss using passwords and personal info
4. Consider filters for content management
5. Consider monitoring software to keep track of online activity
6. Talk about Internet experiences – good and bad!



# Online Resources

## Safety Tips for Parents

- [www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com)
- [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)
- [www.netday.org/cyber\\_security\\_kit.htm](http://www.netday.org/cyber_security_kit.htm)
- [www.sdCybersafe.com](http://www.sdCybersafe.com)
- [www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm)
- Find more at:  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/techno/htcrime/info.htm>

## Search Engines for Kids

- Kids Click
- Yahoo Kids
- Cyber Sleuth
- NetTrekker
  - Available to all Fairfield students
- Google safe search

By working together at home and  
at school we can help keep our  
children safe on the Internet!

