

ELECTRONIC MEDIA SAFETY AND GUIDELINES

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RULES ARE FOR A GOOD REASON

You have to be a certain age to drive a car, to vote and to do other things in our society. These rules exist to protect you and everyone else. When you were a young child, your parents told you not to talk to strangers. You probably didn't understand why you shouldn't speak to strangers at the time, but you followed their rules because you knew it was for your own good.

The Internet and other electronic media are powerful tools, but there are rules that must be followed for your safety as well as others. Right now you may not fully understand all the reasons for these rules, but it is important that you follow them.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA MANNERS

1. Do not swear or curse.
2. Do not threaten someone (It is against the law).
3. Do not use the Internet to put someone else down or gossip. That person could be reading what you are saying and you won't even know it.
4. If someone is nasty to you, don't be nasty back to him/her. Just log off.
5. Report any inappropriate language to your parents.
6. Don't be sarcastic. It can be misunderstood and taken the wrong way.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA SAFETY

1. Do not talk to anyone that you have not met in person.
2. Make sure you know whom you are talking to.
3. Never give anyone your password. Not even your best friend.
4. Don't sign on as someone else. You are just inviting trouble.
5. Do not put any "personal information" on a website or personal profile.
 - Your name or your friend's name
 - Your age
 - Your address or phone number
 - The name of the school you attend
6. Report any inappropriate conversations to your parents.
7. Don't go on a Chat room or Discussion Board without your parent's permission. Never give out personal information on a Chat room or Discussion board.
8. Report any threats to your parents.
9. If you come to an inappropriate website, close it and tell your parents (So they won't think you went there intentionally).
10. If inappropriate links or advertisements are showing up on your e-mail, tell your parents.
11. Don't try to "hack" onto sites that are blocked. They are blocked for a good reason.
12. Never, ever agree to meet someone you have met on the Internet. This is VERY dangerous! Tell your parents immediately if someone you don't know is trying to meet you.

I promise to follow these rules to keep my friends and me safe on the Internet.

Signature

Date