

Internet Safety

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What we will cover today:

- What the Internet is
- What Chat Rooms, News groups and Bulletin Boards are
- The Risks of being in the internet
- Easy tips to protect yourself next time you go online

What Is the Internet?

- A large computer network linking together millions of small computer networks all over the world.
- It is open to the public.
- It has no rules as to who can post information online.
- Think of it as inviting anyone in the world into your home.

What Makes the Internet Unique?

- It's interactive, meaning that unlike TV, you can send and receive information
- Anyone can 'publish' on the Internet
- For the first time, the vast majority of the world's knowledge is accessible to anyone
- Millions of people can share and take part in online communities

What Can You Do on the Internet?

- Find information by using search engines
- Publish information on your own web site
- Send messages by e-mail or instant message
- Join a club through a newsgroup
- Find someone in an online phone book

More Things You May Not Know

- Learn to hack into someone's computer
- Hand in reports without typing a word
- Be exposed to Sexual topics that you may not want to be

Things You May Not Know You Could Do

- Chat with known criminals
- Talk to anyone who is disguised
- Learn to make pipe bombs

More Things To Do

- Have a conversation in a 'chat' room
- Make airline reservations, invest in the stock market
- Get directions and draw maps
- Go shopping
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- And more!

Risks on the Internet

- Two basic kinds
 - Content: You may see things that are inappropriate for your age or even illegal
 - Contact: people on the Internet may not be who they say they are and predators use the Internet to find victims

Chat Rooms

- Chat rooms are 'live' conversations online
- Conversation usually centers around a common interest or rooms
- There is no way to know who you are “chatting” with

Chat Rooms

- Two types
 - Moderated
 - Un-moderated

Newsgroups / Bulletin Boards

- Usually organized or grouped by a common topic
- You can post messages seeking advice, comments or information
- Someone will reply to your message later in a public form

Newsgroups/Bulletin Boards

- You can 'talk' with others about a specific topic like health, education or recreation
- Some have explicit material not suitable for youth

How to Be Safe In The Internet

- Use common sense the internet is a public place
- Don't talk to people you don't know
- **Do Not** give out personal information like phone numbers, addresses or credit card numbers, especially in chat rooms and newsgroups
- You can check websites for privacy policies

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- never give out your personal Information
- never plan face-to-face meetings alone with anyone you meet online
- **Do not** respond to offensive email

Safe Search Engines

- [Ask Jeeves for Kids](http://www.ajkids.com/) <http://www.ajkids.com/>
- [Yahooligans](http://www.yahooligans.com/) <http://www.yahooligans.com/>
- [Lycos SafetyNet](http://personal.lycos.com/safetynet/safetynet.asp)
<http://personal.lycos.com/safetynet/safetynet.asp>
- [OneKey](http://www.onekey.com/live/index.htm) <http://www.onekey.com/live/index.htm>
- [Education World](http://www.education-world.com/)
<http://www.education-world.com/>
- [Classroom Connect](http://www2.classroom.net/searchus/)
<http://www2.classroom.net/searchus/>
- [Study Web](http://www.studyweb.com/) <http://www.studyweb.com/>
- [Kids Click](http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!/) <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!/>

Final Thought...

Have any of you learned anything today that will make you safer the next time you go online?

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