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Protecting Your Children Online

The Internet is a powerful tool we want all of our children to learn how to use and leverage for a variety of purposes. However, online activities come with certain risks. It is important that you understand these risks and how you can reduce them to make your children as safe as possible.



Online Risks To Your Children

Strangers/Criminals:

These are individuals who establish online relationships with your children in order to take advantage of them. Once they gain the trust of a child, they may ask for pictures, information or even to meet in person.

Friends:

These are people your children already know, and are often other kids at school. Peers can pose a serious threat as online bullies.

Remember that bullying no longer means just physical confrontation. Cyberbullying can be far more abusive, as you may not know who the bully is and their attacks can be both more aggressive and very public.

Themselves:

In today's world of social networking, children can be their own worst enemy. Anything they post is accessible not only to the entire world, but once posted may also be difficult or even impossible to remove.

Your children may not realize how these postings can impact their future.

Five Steps To Help Protect Them

Education:

Talk to your kids about the risks of being online. Make sure they feel comfortable talking to you about anything they do not understand or concerns them. Education is the best security measure you can take. Technology is changing very quickly. It can be difficult to stay informed regarding the new online threats that emerge almost daily.

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Dedicated Computer:

Have a dedicated computer just for your kids and keep it in an open area in your home. Ensure each child has their own, non-privileged account so you can track their activity. Consider a separate homework account for unlimited homework use.

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Mobile Devices:

Put hours or limitations on when mobile devices can be used, and create a central family charging area where children put the mobile devices when not in use. This will make it easier for you to manage.

Computer Rules:

Have a set of agreed upon rules regarding online activity and post those rules next to the kids' computer.

Technology:

When kids are younger, you can use parental controls and other software to safeguard their activities. Be sure to keep your anti-virus software up to date.

Summer Holiday Hours		
July 4	Independence Day	All Offices Closed
Sept 4	Labor Day	All Offices Closed

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