

Being Safe Online



As we are becoming more reliant on the internet below are some considerations and tips when using the internet

Mind your Online Reputation

Online reputation is the reputation you have on the internet. 95 % plus of recruiters and HR check your online social profile. A bad online reputation could affect your summer job, first job and college application.

Passwords

Don't share your password with anyone but your parents. And change it regularly. 10%+ of passwords are in format Jenny557766. If using a public computer make sure you logout of the accounts you've accessed before leaving the terminal.

T.H.I.N.K before you post

Is it True? Helpful? Inspiring? Nice? Kind? Would you say it in person? If not, don't post.

It's a crime

It's a crime to use any sort of profanity on the web

Cyberbullying Hurts

Don't send or respond to mean or insulting messages. Cyberbullying is a hateful act that can isolate people at a very vulnerable time. If you say anything nasty to someone online, don't wait to be sorry when you are caught. Saying you didn't know, or everyone else was doing it, won't work. If you wouldn't want it done to you don't do it to others

Talk to an Adult

If you think you are being bullied online, talk to a responsible adult who will try to sort out a solution.

Restrict how your data is saved

Online Ads are notoriously tricky, and offer free things or announce you as 'A Winner' as a way of collecting your personal information.. Don't buy anything online without talking to your parents first. Turn off in-app purchasing. Go to <https://myactivity.google.com/myactivity> to change your settings

Be Private

Change your social media settings to 'Private' so only people you know can see what you post and don't post photos or videos online without getting a parent/guardian's permission.

Personal Information

Don't give out personal information without a parent/guardian's permission. This means you should not share your last name, home address, school name, or telephone number. Remember, just because someone asks for information about you does not mean you have to tell them anything about yourself!

Don't talk to strangers

Remember when creating your screen name, do not include personal information like your last name or date of birth. Don't befriend anyone online you don't know. People can easily disguise their true identity.

Research

Talk to your librarian, teacher or parent about safe and accurate websites for research. The public library offers lots of resources. If you use online information in a school project make sure you explain where you got the information.