

# TEEN CYBER SAFETY



## Safety Alert !!!



### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- .....the Chat room is the most dangerous area on the internet? The people you meet on-line may not be who they say they are. Predators and pedophiles can and do surf the web looking for victims.
- .....every E-mail has a return address and some you receive may contain a fake return address? Anything you say online can be copied and forwarded to others you do not know.
- ....without meaning to, you may give out enough personal information that puts you and your family at risk?
- ...there are laws and legislation to protect you from becoming a victim resulting from an internet encounter?

### LAWS TO KNOW TO SAFELY SURF THE INTERNET

Should you encounter any of the following while you are surfing the web, you should tell your parents and then immediately contact your local law enforcement agency, the FBI, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

#### If...

1. You or anyone in the household has received child pornography.
2. You have been sexually solicited by someone who knows that you are under 18 years of age.
3. You have received sexually explicit images from someone that knows you are 18 years of age.

If any of these occur, keep the computer turned off to preserve any evidence. Unless directed to by a law enforcement agency, do not attempt to copy any of the images and/or text found on the computer.

For further information or to report a crime:

Georgetown Police Department  
512-930-3510

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
602-279-5511

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
1-800-843-5678

Or visit online at:

[www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)  
[www.fbi.gov/publications](http://www.fbi.gov/publications)



## **BASIC RULES FOR TEENS TO SURF THE WEB SAFELY**

### **Your Identity should be kept private.**

Always avoid giving out your name, mailing address, telephone number, and any information that would help someone find your actual identity. That includes not revealing the name of your school or work!

Never respond to any chat room message, E-mail, or news-group message that makes you feel uncomfortable or is hostile, belligerent or inappropriate. If you get such a message, don't respond. Show it to your parents or an adult. Answering, even negatively, only encourages the sender.

### **Report Harassment**

If someone sends you messages or images that are obscene, lewd, filthy, or indecent with the intent to harass, abuse, annoy, bully, or threaten you, this may be a crime and it should be reported to your Internet service provider and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline by calling 1-800-843-5678.

Talk with your parents about ground rules for surfing the web. There should be an agreement between you and your parents about your on-line activity. What time you may go on-line, length of time and in what activities you can participate need to be talked about and agreed to. You need to understand their concerns for your safety and they need to be assured that you will come to them and report any activity that may jeopardize your safety.

**Surfing the web can be fun as long as it is done safely.**

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