

*For cool stuff  
visit the  
following sites:*

[www.iKeepSafe.org](http://www.iKeepSafe.org)

[www.iSafe.org](http://www.iSafe.org)

[www.NetSmartz.org](http://www.NetSmartz.org)

[www.WebWiseKids.org](http://www.WebWiseKids.org)

*Remember Kids....*

Sites are not supposed to collect more information about you than they need for the activity you want to participate in. You should be able to participate in many activities online without having to give any information about yourself.



These safety tips  
are based in part on the FBI's  
*"Safety Tips for Kids  
on the Internet"*  
located at  
[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

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**TEN INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS**

# Ten Internet Safety Tips For Kids

- 1 Never give out personal information**, such as your name, home address, telephone number, school name or mascot in a public message (*for example*: chat rooms or bulletin boards). Also, never send or post a person a picture of yourself without first checking with your parent or guardian.
- 2 Do not create a “User Profile” or “Blog”** People you do not know will be able to obtain personal information simply by viewing your profile or blog. Remember that many schools and employers will search their students’, employees’ and potential employees’ profiles or blogs for inappropriate or offensive content. If you already have a profile or blog, you should consider deleting it.
- 3 Be sure you are dealing with someone who you and your parents know and trust** before giving out any personal information via e-mail or instant messages. Also, be aware that by calling an “800” number or calling collect, strangers can get your phone number.
- 4 Never respond** to messages or bulletin board items that are: **Suggestive, Obscene, Hostile, Threatening** or **Make you feel uncomfortable**.
- 5 If you come across any information that makes you feel uncomfortable**, tell your parent or guardian right away.
- 6 Be careful when someone offers you something for nothing**, such as gifts or money. Be especially careful about any offers that involve meeting someone or having someone come to your house.
- 7 Never arrange a face-to-face meeting without telling your parent or guardian.** If your parent or guardian agrees to the meeting, make sure you meet in a public place, and have that parent or guardian with you.
- 8 Don’t tell other kids your password or user I.D.** If other kids have your password, they could pretend to be you on-line.
- 9 Remember that people on-line may not be who they seem.** Someone indicating that “she” is a “12-year-old girl” could actually be much older, and of the opposite sex.
- 10 If you receive any messages that make you feel uncomfortable**, or view information that appears to be criminal, tell your parent or guardian right away, and please contact your local police department of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office anonymous **CrimeTIPS Hotline** at **1-888-577-TIPS (8477)** or on-line at **www.scpo.net**