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Be Safer Online. Type smart. Post wisely.™

WHAT TO TYPE.

BE SMART. IF YOU DON'T USE PRIVACY SETTINGS, ANYONE HAS ACCESS TO YOUR BLOG OR PROFILE, NOT JUST PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

DON'T post your cell phone number, address, or the name of your school

DON'T post your friends' names, ages, phone numbers, school names, or addresses

DON'T add people as friends to your site unless you know them in person

DON'T communicate with people you don't know

DON'T give out your password to anyone other than your parent or guardian

DON'T meet in person with anyone you first "met" on a social networking site

DON'T respond to harassing or rude comments posted on your profile

DON'T make or post plans and activities on your site

DON'T post photos with school names, locations, license plates, or signs

DON'T post photos with the name of your sports team

DON'T post sexually provocative photos

DON'T respond to threatening or negative emails or IMs

DO check the privacy settings of the social networking sites that you use

DO set privacy settings so that people can only be added as your friend if you approve them

DO set privacy settings so that people can only view your profile if you have approved them as a friend

DO remember that posting information about your friends could put them at risk

DO consider going through your blog and profile and removing information that could put you at risk

DO delete any unwanted messages or friends who continuously leave inappropriate comments

DO report comments to the networking site if they violate that site's terms of service

DO save or print questionable activity and include date and time

DO tell your parents or guardian if anything happens online that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused

WHEN TO TELL

TRUST YOUR INTUITION: Always go with your gut feeling, and if something doesn't feel right to you or a friend, report it. You can help stop the online victimization of youth.

BE CAUTIOUS OF

- Anyone you don't know who asks you for personal information, photos or videos
- Unsolicited obscene material from people or companies you don't know
- Misleading URLs on the Internet that point you to sites containing harmful materials rather than what you were looking for
- Anyone who wants to send you photos or videos containing obscene content of youth 18 and younger (The possession, manufacturing, or distributing of child pornography is illegal.)
- Anyone you don't know who asks you to meet them somewhere offline (If the person is an adult this is illegal and they can be charged with a criminal offense called Online Enticement.)
- Threats to your life or safety
- Threats to others

If any of the above happens to you or a friend, tell an adult you trust and report it to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline. For additional information on how to be safer online, visit NetSmartz.org.

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