Access to inappropriate content

Children might be only one or two clicks away from violent, pornographic or offensive material (even accidentally), especially if there are no filters or monitoring software installed on your computer.

Some websites might contain advertisements for alcohol or cigarettes directed at children. These can be difficult to block, because they are usually images without text.

Also, some chat rooms can encourage inappropriate or harmful behaviour such as extreme dieting, underage sex or drug use.



Children in the Internet

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Wanna be safe?

Be careful!

Personal Information

Never give personal information about yourself in chatrooms, web pages, or online forms. This includes age, area code, e-mail address, home address, home city, Internet Service Provider name, Instant Messenger name or address, other location related information, passwords, personal web page, phone (mobile phone) numbers, pictures of yourself (selfies), school name, school grade, school web page, weight, webcam address, workplace, or zip code.

Internet Purchases

Never enter an area that costs money, requires a credit card, requires personal information, asks for passwords, or requires you hang up and dial another number with your computer without explicit permission from the parents or a parent present.

Downloads

Never accept a file or download from another user.

Web page

Do not visit web pages that are sent to you in e-mail, chat, or instant messengers without a parent or guardian present.

Gifts

Never accept any gift from users you meet online.

Friends

Don't give out your friends information as it could be tied to you.

Personal pictures

Never send someone a personal picture online or on a cell phone.

Talking about sex or provocative images

When online don't talk about sex, post provocative images, or tease other people online.

Talk to adults

If children ever witnesses something that upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable, make sure they know it's ok to talk with adults.