

Your NetSmartz

TIPS FOR TWEENS

CYBERBULLYING

Don't be cruel. You might not like the new kid, but that doesn't mean it's okay to spread rumors about him or her to everyone you know.



Ignore. Block. Tell. Ignore mean or threatening messages, block the sender, and tell a trusted adult who can help you report them.

Speak up. If your friends are cyberbullying someone and you stay silent, you're just as guilty as they are. Speak up and keep your friends in check.



ONLINE PREDATORS

Recognize the difference between cute and creepy. Think about it – an older guy who wants to date someone much younger is just creepy. Ask yourself, what does he really want?



Don't just sit there – REPORT! You shouldn't have to deal with creeps on- or offline. If someone asks to meet you in person, report them to the police and www.cybertipline.com.



SHARING TOO MUCH

Avoid TMI. Don't post anything too personal or embarrassing. That screenname you thought was funny is not going to look so cool when your grandma sees it.



Don't be *that* kid. We've all heard stories like the kid who got suspended for posting a YouTube video of how to cheat on a test; just don't be that kid!



Protect your space. Use privacy settings and don't accept just anyone as a friend. Do some investigating – Who are they? Why would you hang out with them?

TRUSTED ADULTS

Talk to your parents or guardians...they're not as bad as you think. Sometimes adults freak out about what you're doing online because you never tell them anything. Keep them in the loop so they know they can trust you.



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