

Why are these Internet safety rules important?

These safety rules are important because the Internet is not a very safe place for kids anymore. Many dangerous things can happen online. Many girls have been missing or killed because they met a boy online and met up with them in person. People's computers are damaged because others send them viruses. People are constantly getting mean messages in chat rooms. Many kids have been viewing adult sites. Some people have been taking things out of other sites without any permission. In addition, kids are being blackmailed or they are blackmailing other kids online.

HOW WILL FOLLOWING THESE INTERNET SAFETY RULES HELP ME?

If you follow these rules, you will stay out of trouble from the law and from your parents.

These rules will help you because they outline the basic things to avoid when online.

These rules tell you what to do if you accidentally clicked on a site you were not supposed to enter.

These rules will also keep you from finding and making enemies online.

For more information, watch my video "Internet Safety."

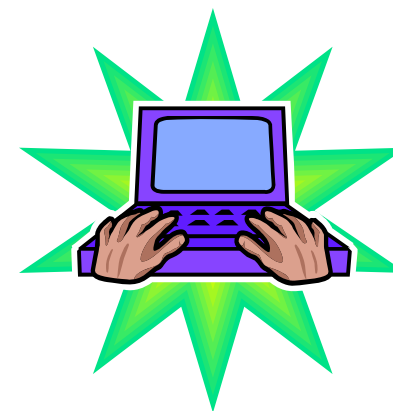
Brought to you by the Computer Guy, who wishes you a fun and safe time online.



INTERNET SAFETY

A Tutorial

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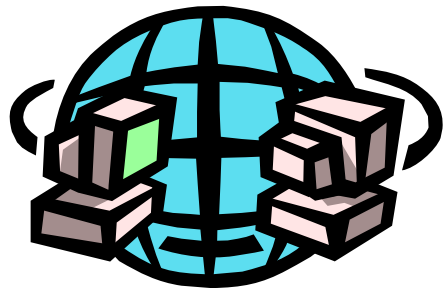


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What are the basic rules for Internet Safety?

Here is a list of rules kids should follow when they are surfing the Internet.

1. Do not go to adult sites. Kids are too young to handle adult sites and it can anger parents if they find out you've been on adult sites. It is especially unsafe to respond to any prompts on adult sites.
2. Do not send rude messages to anyone. Sending rude messages to people is called "flaming," and flaming is illegal in many states. It is also a way to meet enemies online, enemies who will discover a way to find you.



3. Do not take things out of people's sites without their permission. You should not take things out of another person's or an organization's site without permission because they might have copyright warranties on it and you will get in trouble. If you really want something that someone else has on their site, ask them for permission to use it. If your goal for using the information is for educational purposes, and you can prove it, then using this information is acceptable.
4. Do not send viruses to anyone. It is illegal and it is bad.
5. Never agree to meet with someone you met online without parental permission. There have been so many cases where kids have been killed or are missing because they contacted strangers online.
6. Exit a site if it makes you feel bad. If you enter a site which has racial slurs or negative comments and it makes you feel bad, just exit it.
7. Don't respond to mean messages. A way to stay out of trouble on the Internet is by just not responding to mean messages. When people send you mean messages, just ignore them and then they'll stop and you won't make an enemy.
8. Never give out personal information. This includes your age, sex, address or telephone number, because people might haunt you or call you and try to blackmail you.
9. Do not do anything like hacking or bootlegging files. This has become a serious legal issue and you will be caught.
10. Do not burn music files from Kazaa or any other software. It is illegal because it deals with copyright. You will be fined.

