

Online Resources

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children-NCMEC
<http://missingkids.com>
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operation Predator
<http://www.ice.gov/graphics/predator>
- <http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools>
- <http://internet-filter-review.teptenreviews.com/internet-safety.html>
- <http://www.netsmartz.org>
- <http://www.cert.org/homeusers/HomeComputerSecurity>
- Identity Theft
<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>
<http://www.identitytheft.org>
- Other Groups
<http://www.wiredsafety.org>
<http://theinternetandyourchild.org>
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/987187>



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Internet Safety

Child Safety Tips

Predator Methods

- They go where the kids are
 - Chat rooms
 - MySpace / Social Networks
- They know the culture
- They're good detectives
- They're empathetic
 - Kindness
 - Affection
 - Gifts
- They lower the child's inhibitions by gradually introducing sexual content
- The goal is "face to face"



Computer Management

- Firewall, antivirus, spyware
- Adult administrator/Filtering/Monitoring tools

Family Best Practices

- Don't overreact
- Computer in a common room
- Tell parent about online names and cyber friends
- Don't give a kid admin privileges or let them delete history
- Learn to inspect computer
 - Files (none private)
 - Browser history
 - Settings
 - Report Problems

Internet Smart Tips

Fraud

- Don't click offers "too good to be true"
 - Recognize Scams
- Free Credit Reports
 - Experian
 - Equifax
 - TransUnion
- Don't respond to unsolicited ads
 - Phishing
 - Spam

Identity Theft

- Cross-cut shredder
- File or destroy receipts
- Don't leave mail in mailbox
- Keep copies of wallet contents
- Monitor Credit Reports
- If you suspect you're a victim:
 - Fraud alert to credit agencies
 - Notify affected creditors
 - Cancel affected cards
 - File police report

Computer Security

- Routers are easy to configure, have good firewall capabilities
- Current system patches, Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware and Firewall
- Encryption
 - Files for transmission
 - Disks on portable computers

Indication of Problems

- Missing Kids
- Kids online a lot, withdrawn
- Using someone else's account
- You find pornography on computer
- Kids describe solicitation
- Kids receiving phone calls, gifts
- Kids change screen, turn off
- Lawsuits from industry organizations
- Bills for purchases you did not make
- Your computer has large files you didn't create.

Prevention

- Monitor kids' internet use
- Work closely to train kids
- Learn about your computer and the internet
- Safe shopping habits
- Good computer security

Dealing with Problems

- Keep your system secure
- Talk openly to kids
 - Describe Concerns
 - Teach about dangers
- Report Problems
 - Local Police
 - NCMEC
- If you suspect a problem, turn the computer off until Police evaluate it-possible evidence

