



SAFE SURFING – INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Dangers of the internet – Teens are the most at risk



- * Exposure to inappropriate material
- * Physical molestation
- * Harassment
- * Legal and financial risks



Danger Signs

- * Your child minimizes the screen when you enter the room
- * Your child spends large amounts of [unmonitored] time on line, especially at night
- * Your child receives phone calls or gifts from people that you don't know, or makes long distance calls to unknown numbers



Reducing the Risk

- * Don't allow a child to have internet access in their room
- * Get to know the internet and the services your child uses
- * Set reasonable limits and rules for computer use by your children — Challenge them to be responsible.
- * Create an environment where your child would want to talk to you if they have any questions regarding things that may happen when they use the Internet
- * NEVER give out identifying information — home address, school information, telephone numbers, credit card numbers
- * NEVER respond to a message bulletin board item that is suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or threatening
- * NEVER respond to any FREE offers—If it is too good to be true, it usually is.
- * REMEMBER that the people on line are rarely who they say that they are — A person identifying themselves as a 12 year old girl is probably 40 year old man.
- * Look into installing blocking software on your computers

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