

TIPS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS:

- ❶ Don't give out your personal information such as name, age, address, telephone number, parent / guardian's name and school name / address.
- ❷ Do not respond to mean, offensive, threatening or unwanted e-mail and instant messages.
- ❸ Choose a screen name that doesn't identify you as a young boy or girl.
- ❹ Don't share your password with anyone (except a parent or guardian), not even your best friend.
- ❺ Never agree to meet with someone you don't know. *Remember, people online may or may not be who they say they are.*
- ❻ Tell your parents, a teacher or trusted adult if you read or see something online that makes you uncomfortable or if someone threatens you or suggests you meet.



www.michiganicac.com

National Cyber Hotline -- 1-800-843-5678

MACE Hotline -- 1-586-469-5151 Press 1

E-MAIL SAFETY:

- ❶ Check the e-mail your children receive for appropriate content. All too often, e-mail addresses are "harvested" by unscrupulous marketers; the resulting "spam" messages frequently contain adult content.
 - ❷ **Never post your children's e-mail address in any directory.**
 - ❸ Don't "unsubscribe" on unwanted, un-requested or unsolicited e-mail. *Don't sign up for free offers (remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it is!).*
 - ❹ Don't forward e-mails to everyone in your address book.
 - ❺ **Make sure children only exchange e-mail with people they know and only let them use chat areas you supervise.**
- For more updated tips:

www.netsmartz.org

www.cybertipline.com



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Welcome to the world of cyber crime. Our task force is here to help our community be a safer place.

In a combined community policing effort, law enforcement agencies are working together to monitor the activities of users on the internet.

M.A.C.E. - Macomb Area Computer Enforcement Task Force helps exchange information throughout the law enforcement community.

Our M.A.C.E. Unit is part of a F.B.I. Task Force, in collaboration with I.C.A.C. (Internet Crimes Against Children). We are all working together in this important multijurisdictional effort.

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Internet Safety Tips for Parents

- Learn everything you can about the internet. Have your children show you sites they visit, learn chat room lingo and acronyms that chatters use. Know what other internet functionality your child may have access to like instant messaging, chat, e-mail and other text messaging.
- Establish approved internet time and territory. Make it clear to children what sites they can and cannot visit, what hours they may use the internet, and with whom they may communicate.
- Keep the computer in a common area of the home, such as a living room or family room, where adults can easily monitor online activity.
- Discuss the importance of telling you or a trusted adult if something ever makes your children feel scared, uncomfortable or confused while online.
- Consider safeguarding options like site blocking, filtering and monitoring. Enter these keywords into any search engine to learn more about software and browser settings that can help you control where your children go online. Know how to set parental controls and check the browser's history files.
- Show your children how to turn off the monitor when something makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Make sure you are aware of any other places your children may be using the internet, such as a friend's house or the library.
- Talk to your children about what personal information is and why they should never give it out.



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