

# ***Internet Safety Guide for Parents***



## Internet Safety Resources for Parents and Students

### General Resources

[Netsmartz.org](http://Netsmartz.org) Interactive activities, real-life stories about cyberbullying, online harassment, inappropriate activities, and stranger contacts. Sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

[iSafe.org](http://iSafe.org) Funded by the US Congress, iSafe provides resources for parents and educators about ways to be safe on the Internet. The [iParent Times](#) is a monthly newsletter (in .pdf format) with information about new threats, safety ideas and technology tips. [Kewltimes](#) is a similar newsletter written for teens.

[Washington State Attorney General's](#) website has information on how to report such cybercrimes as spam, phishing, and identity theft. They are developing materials for students on their [SafetyNet](#) site.

[Safety tips from the mouths of teens](#), from Teenangels, a division of WiredSafety.

[Ask Parry](#) Parry Aftab, noted internet safety expert, answers questions about online dangers and internet safety. Also, from WiredSafety, [Internet 101](#), everything you need to know, written by a non-techie!

Use these contracts for [parents](#) and [kids](#) as a starting point for what safe and responsible internet use should be in your home. Don't forget to sign them!

### Specific Information

[A Parent's Guide to MySpace](#) Helpful information for parents about MySpace.

[A guide to safely using social networking sites](#) (MySpace, FaceBook, etc.)

[Protecting yourself](#) and your information on the social networking sites (MySpace, FaceBook, Xanga, Daum, etc.). Download the helpful guide to social networking safety!

[Kids, blogs and too much information](#) Most personal information should never be disclosed, yet kids do it all the time! View "[Tracking Teresa](#)," a real story about how easy it is to find figure out how to find someone from their online profiles. (Scroll down the page)

[Why parents must mind MySpace](#) MSNBC reports on how kids are revealing far too much personal information on their MySpace pages, leaving themselves open to online predators, and why parents have to monitor what their children are doing.

[Spyware defined](#) by Wikipedia.

[Spyware](#), what it is, how to detect it and what it does to your computer. This page, from Microsoft, has some very good definitions and ideas about how to protect yourself from spyware and malware.

[Phishing defined](#) by Wikipedia.

[Phishing: How not to get hooked](#) a consumer alert from the Federal Trade Commission.

[Cyberbullying](#): Combating online social cruelty in all its many forms

[What is cyberbullying?](#) The introductory slide show is particularly good.

[Online predators](#) This article about online predators and how they work is a very good one. It is from a Canadian organization, so it discusses Canadian law, but predators are predators on either side of the border.

[Don't believe the type](#) Information on how to avoid being victimized by online predators from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

[Online predators and how to help your child avoid them](#) Another tipsheet from Microsoft.

[Love Me Not](#) The Los Angeles County District Attorney's site of information on cyberstalking.

[Internet safety: What parents need to know](#) Information about internet safety. The simple set of "rules" are particularly noteworthy.