

INTERNET SAFETY

THE INTERNET IS A HUGE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. HOWEVER, NOT ALL THE INFORMATION OR PEOPLE ONLINE ARE TRUSTWORTHY.

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ENSURE PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PASSWORDS ARE KEPT PRIVATE

Do not put any of your contact details online and always check your privacy settings on social networking sites. Ensure passwords are difficult to guess and never use your real name as a username.



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NEVER MEET WITH AN ONLINE FRIEND IN PERSON, EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW THEM WELL

Meeting someone from a chat room or social networking website could be dangerous. Online friends are still strangers and may not be who they say they are. If you must meet this person only do so with a parent or guardian.



ACCEPT

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DO NOT OPEN EMAILS FROM PEOPLE YOU DO NOT KNOW

Emails and attachments may contain viruses or unpleasant messages and images.

Any suspicious emails should be deleted and marked as spam.



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NOT ALL INFORMATION ONLINE IS RELIABLE, THERE IS A LOT OF FALSE INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

Always check that the information is correct, some dangerous people use false identities in chat rooms and social media websites

Try to limit your 'friends' to 'real friends'



TELL

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TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF ANYTHING ONLINE MAKES YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE OR THREATENED

Many chat rooms and social networking websites have support email addresses or alert buttons that enable users to report bullying or harmful behaviour.



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