

HOW DO CHILDREN USE THE INTERNET?

- Research for projects
- Games: finding and playing them
- Surf report and surf sites
- CD stores and music sites
- Downloading music
- Finding pictures for hobbies, projects, and their own interests
- Looking at girl's or boy's sites
- Email, sending messages to pen friends and keeping in touch with family
- Talking to friends on personal network
- Kids site chatrooms
- Interactive projects at school
- Looking at school sites
- Designing websites
- International internet projects
- Social networking sites
- Blogs



THE INTERNET

An easy way to explain the internet is to think of your school computers all linked together into a network that you can put information into and get information out that you and other people in your school have put in. Now imagine that a friend from another school wants to use your information and give you some of hers. You both connect your computers to modems that allow your computers to share information.

Other networks can connect to yours and to other networks. This is called inter-networking or the internet as it became known.

It is a way of sending information from one computer to another anywhere in the world using phones or satellites, radio links and a lot of other ways.



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THE INTERNET AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY



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Safety tips for ensuring your children are safe when using the internet.



SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO KEEP YOU SAFE:

- Always use a nickname; never use your real name.
- Never give any personal information like your address, phone number, your family, or even your email address.
- Don't send close up photos of yourself, where you live or go to school.
- Close the conversation at once if you feel uncomfortable and tell a parent or guardian about it.
- Don't post pictures which could embarrass you or your friends.
- Tell your parents, your school or report to the police if you are being cyber-bullied.



SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR PARENTAL SUPERVISION:

- Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behavior.
- Keep the computer in a common area where you can watch and monitor its use, not in individual bedrooms.
- Monitor any time spent on smartphones or tablets.
- Bookmark kids' favorite sites for easy access.
- Check your credit card and phone bills for unfamiliar account charges.
- Find out what, if any, online protection is offered by your child's school, after-school center, friends' homes, or any place where kids could use a computer without your supervision.
- Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.

WARNING SIGNS OF DANGER

WATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING WARNING SIGNS THAT MAY INDICATE YOUR CHILD IS GETTING INTO TROUBLE ONLINE. IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE WARNING SIGNS, ADDRESS THE ISSUE WITH YOUR CHILD AND TRACK THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITIES MORE CLOSELY:

- Your child suddenly turns off the computer when you walk into the room.
- Your child is spending long hours online, especially at night.
- Your child receives calls from people you don't know or receives unsolicited gifts in the mail.
- Your child withdraws from family life and is reluctant to discuss internet activities.
- You find pornography on your child's computer.
- You find unfamiliar charges on your credit card and phone bills.

Internet Slang and Abbreviations

AFAIK	As Far as I Know	MMB	Message Me Back
AFK	Away from Keyboard	msg	Message
ASL	Age/Sex/Location?	MYOB	Mind Your Own Business
ATM	At The Moment	N/A	Not Available
b/c	Because	NC	No Comment
b/w	Between	ne1	Anyone
b4	Before	NM	Not much
BBIAF	Be Back in a bit	noob	Newbie
BBL	Be back later	NP	No Problem
BFF	Best Friends Forever	NTN	No Thanks Needed
BRB	Be Right Back	OMG	Oh My Gosh
BTW	By The Way	OMW	On My Way
CTN	Can't Talk Now	OT	Off Topic