



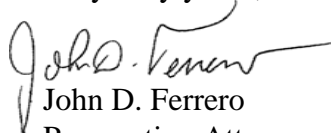
Internet Safety

Tips for Children and Parents

For most users the Internet is a limitless source of information and entertainment. For some with ill intentions, it is a source of anonymous access to innocent children. For those unsuspecting children and their families, contact with strangers through the Internet could lead to tragedy.

This guide is provided to assist you in protecting you and your family from potential Internet predators and to make your Internet use an enjoyable and educational experience.

Very truly yours,


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Tips for Children:

1. Never give out personal information such as your last name, address, telephone number, parents' or siblings' names, or name or location of your school. Never describe yourself online.
2. Never agree to meet in person with someone you met online.
3. Never call someone you met online. That person could get your phone number and find out where you live.
4. Never send pictures without your parent's permission.
5. Follow your parent's rules. Remember that rules are meant to keep you safe.
6. Do not respond to questions or comments that are personal or threatening.
7. **TALK TO YOUR PARENT(S).** Tell your parents if you come across something or someone that makes you feel uncomfortable or afraid.



Tips for Parents:

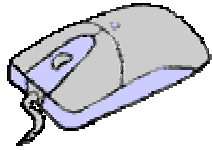
1. Understand your Internet service and parental controls available to you. Do not assume that objectionable websites are automatically blocked.
2. Establish rules and let your child know which sites or types of material are off limits.
3. Keep the computer in a conspicuous location. If everyone can see what users are doing, children may be less tempted to access inappropriate sites.
4. Check on your child's online activities. Does your child minimize the screen when you walk by to hide his/her activity? Does your child seem to spend too much time surfing the web or has s/he lost interest in other activities?
5. **TALK TO YOUR CHILD.** As with any other activity, your child is less likely to engage in dangerous behavior if you know where your child is, who s/he is with and what s/he is doing. Let your child know that s/he can come to you to discuss problems or concerns.

To Learn More

about Internet safety, visit:

NetSmartz®

<http://www.netsmartz.org/>



Software

to monitor and regulate your child's online activities:

Cyber Patrol®

<http://www.cyberpatrol.com/>

CYBERSitter®

<http://www.cybersitter.com/>

Net Nanny®

<http://www.netnanny.com/>

Smart Block®

<http://smartblock.stormpages.com/index.html>



To Report

child pornography or sexual exploitation of children, please contact:

the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline** at:

www.cybertipline.com

local **FBI Field Office:**

FBI Cleveland

(216) 522-1400

www.cleveland.fbi.gov

Stark County Child Abuse/Neglect

Hotline:

330-455-KIDS (5437)

Stark County Law Enforcement Agencies:

Alliance Police	821-3131
Beach City Police	756-2449
Brewster Police	767-3191
Canal Fulton Police	854-2926
Canton Police	489-3100
Dalton Police	828-2234
East Canton Police	488-0220
East Sparta Police	453-8101
Hartville Police	877-2500
Jackson Police	834-3960
Lawrence Police	854-4114
Louisville Police	875-1607
Magnolia Police	866-9434
Massillon Police	830-1755
Minerva Police	868-4177
Navarre Police	879-0342
North Canton Police	499-5911
Perry Police	478-5121
Stark County Sheriff	453-8101
State Highway Patrol	433-6200
Uniontown Police	699-6444
Waynesburg Police	866-2261

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