

Online



TAKE CHARGE

Set Ground Rules

- ① Establish basic guidelines for when they can go online, what sites they can visit, and the number of texts they can send in a day so that everyone is on the same page

Research Before You Buy

- ① Did you know that handheld games can connect to the Internet or that many laptops have built in web-cams? Understand what technology you are bringing into your home

Report

- ① If your kids are dealing with cyberbullies or potential predators, report them to the website, cell phone service, law enforcement, or <http://www.cybertipline.com>

Information comes from
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<http://netsmartz.org>

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MONITOR

Supervise Internet Use

- ① If you can see what your kids are doing, they are less likely to get into trouble

Safeguards = Safe Kids

- ① Installing CIA level monitoring software on your kids' computers does not guarantee they'll be safe online. Technology can't replace your time and attention as a parent or guardian.

Don't Go OverBoard

- ① It's smart to keep an eye on your kids' social networking profiles, but it's never cool when you post embarrassing messages or pictures to their page.

COMMUNICATE

Talk to Your Kids

- ① Your kids might not tell you everything, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't ask. Get involved so you're not the last to know.

Challenge Them to A Duel

- ① If you have kids who like to play video or computer games, ask if you can play too. When you respect their interests, they are more likely to respect your rules.

Don't Pull the Plug

- ① Taking away your kids' Internet access because they've done something wrong doesn't solve the problem. Talk with them about protecting themselves and respecting others online

Cyber Safety Web Site
<http://www.olatheschools.com/students-families/parent-resources/cyber-safety>