

## *A Parent's Guide to* **Child Internet Safety**



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- Be sure that your child never gives out **identifying information** such as their full name, home address, name of school, telephone number, password, age, or personal photo to anyone
- Learn the different **safety measures** made available by your Internet Service Provider; many ISPs offer methods to filter the content of your child's online browsing
- Make both your child and yourself **aware of the anonymity** of the internet; many of the "children" your child encounters may actually be adults
- Be **aware of the people** your child interacts with while using the internet; make it a point to know these people just as you would know your child's ordinary friends
- **Never** allow your child to arrange a **meeting** with someone they have come to know online
- Encourage your child to **inform** you of any obscene, confusing, violent, or threatening transmission they may encounter
- **Report illegal transmissions** such as child pornography or threats to your state and local law enforcement agency, and call the National Cybertip Line at 1-800-843-5678
- **Set rules** for your child's use of the internet. For example, set time limits for usage, periodically supervise them, and sign a parent/child contract
- For **additional information** on child internet safety and a copy of a parent/child internet safety contract, log on to: [www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/publications/NC03.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/NC03.pdf)

