



Dear Children

Do you use internet?

If Yes, then read this entire content carefully. Internet is considered as the greatest platform and technology in this century and has become an integral part of our daily lives. It helps us as a learning and communication tool and offers us a wide range of opportunities. It is an invaluable source of knowledge and encourages creativity and imagination.

### **Do you follow ethics?**

Internet ethics implies our behavior while using it. We should be aware that we should always be honest, respect the rights and property of others on internet.

### **Step 1 : Do you share about internet access with your family?**

Sharing about internet activity with your family members is the first step to being safe on internet. Your parents always love you and look about your safety so that they would be with you in all difficult periods.

So share each and everything what you do and face on internet.

### **Step 2 : Do you use family computer?**

If Yes, then follow some family rules and guidelines as the family members use internet for different purposes like banking, shopping, sometimes even doing office work, etc.

Most online games or videos may require credit/debit card details to play, watch videos etc. So, when using the family computer you may share such sensitive data to known/unknown people without the knowledge of your family members which can create financial losses to the family.

Also there are chances that when using family computer you may even share important office files or documents to your online friends which can create career threat to your family members. Therefore always follow some rules and guidelines of family for accessing internet.

### **Step 3 : Do you love to see videos?**

Watching videos on internet is always fun and pleasure, but at the same time there are risks like malicious links could take you to inappropriate or illegal content. If you encounter any such activity, intimate it to your family members.

Remind family members that people met online may be strangers.

### **Step 4 : Do you follow any celebrity over the internet?**

Like any other child, you may follow and chat online about your favorite celebrities in all kinds of fields. There are lots of celebrity sites, only the ones operated by the celebrities themselves or entertainment news publishers are appropriate to follow.

You need to be extra careful of fan sites that turn up in search results but aren't actually run by the celebrities and the people who cover them. It's not always easy to tell, but at least they'll lower down in the search results.

### **Step 5 : Do you believe everything on internet is true?**

It's common for you to think everything on internet is true. But, the content on internet is a collection of lot of people's views as they can write and post without any guidance and control. Internet contains a wealth of valuable information, but at the same time it is a great medium for disseminating falsehoods and inaccuracies.

Though the information on the internet is very valuable, but you should realize that there are still biased views and information to market their products and agenda. So, you need to be careful and confirm the same by going into various sources of internet.

### **Step 6 : Do you love to play games?**

Yes, Children love to play games. We always love to play online games and extend our arms further with unknown members on internet.

To play games on internet, some websites ask credit/debit card details though they tell it is free. Be careful while playing free online games as sometimes automated charges can apply which can be burden to the family members.

Also, the details and identification passed on the web site can be accessed by others and identification theft can occur.

### **Step 7 : Do you love to be social?**

Yes, Children love to be social and make new friends. Internet helps you to keep in touch with old friends and extend your arms to new members. Though it is a great opportunity to extend friend circles, never share passwords even with the closest buddies because bullying is common as some kids or hackers try to post embarrassing messages by using shared password or post links to malicious sites.

At the same time, you should also know that there are social reasons why kids are hacked. So always log out of accounts when you are finished using computers shared with other people especially those used in public, such as at school or public libraries.

### **Step 8 : Do you keep open your identification?**

For hackers or attackers, Children's identification is more valuable. Criminals get most of the information about children such as name, address, class, school name to target them. The collected information may be useful for guessing passwords of children and their parents as in general passwords of family members are related with family names.

Further they may use the same information for making friendship with you online and try to get to know about your family and consequently they may apply credit cards on your family members name.

It is suggested that children should not share any information related to sensitive and financial aspects in social networks and maintain privacy with known and unknown members.

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