
Social Networks

The default privacy settings for social networking sites are not necessarily the safest. You should **make sure that your profile is set to "private"** so that you can control who has access to your details.

You should never share where you live, your school or any other information which could potentially be used to identify you.



Gaming

Gaming can be a lot of fun for young people, but there are some risks associated with this activity.

- **Desensitization to violence**
- **Addiction**
- **Cyber-bullying**
- **Online grooming**

Conclusion

Students should take nothing for granted and understand that everyone they come in contact with virtually may not be who or what they proclaim.

Know what to do and who to ask for help when you encounter a person or site on the Internet that is offensive or threatening.

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http://www.crosbyisd.org/cyber_safety/High_School/index.htm

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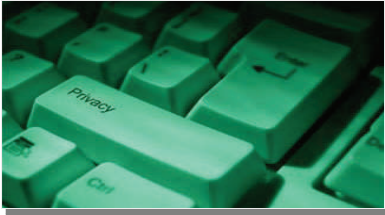


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Privacy



The internet is a great place for sharing stuff, but remember that what you share with your friends could be seen by other people that you don't know. They may also be able to look at it for years to come. Once it's online, it could be there forever. So **think before you post**.

Cyberbullying

The same rules apply online as in real life about how to treat other people. Unfortunately, people don't always treat each other well online, and you, or a friend, may find that you are the target of cyberbullying. You might be teased or have false rumors spread about you online, receive nasty messages or even threats. It can happen in school, or out of it, any hour of the day, from people you know, and sometimes people you don't know. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

No-one has the right to bully another person. At its most serious, **cyberbullying is illegal and can be investigated by the police**.

Enticement

To help stay safe while you chat, remember some simple tips:

- **Be careful who you trust online.**
- **Choose your friends.**
- **Keep your friends list manageable.**
- **Keep your personal details private.**
- **Set your profile to private**
- **Always keep your password secret.**
- If you want to arrange to meet someone you've met online, **ask an adult you trust.**
- If someone writes something rude, offensive or something you don't like, **don't respond**, and block them.
- **Use appropriate avatars**
- **Think twice about what you say and post**



Mobile Use

Cyberbullying, people making inappropriate contact, access to unsuitable content or 'free' ring tones that lead to very high phone bills can be a problem. Privacy is also important. In the same way you protect your privacy online it's important not to share private/personal details or photos using your mobile phone. It's easy to forward SMS messages and photos but you never know where they might end up.



Sexting

Sexting is the clever new name for the act of sending, receiving, or forwarding naked photos via your cell phone.

Sexting is currently illegal under federal law. It falls under the creation, distribution and possession of child porn and is a felony offense. While some lawmakers are working to change this, others are prosecuting both those taking the pictures and those possessing them.