

5 Ways to Keep Kids Safer Online

1. **Agree on Rules.** Set up clear, simple, easy-to-read rules for Internet use. Post them on or near the monitor:
 - What web sites are okay for them to visit?
 - Who can they talk to?
 - When and how long can they be online?
 - Where can they use a computer?
2. **Communicate.** Keep an open line of communication between you and your child. Talking to your kids is key to helping them stay safe online.
 - Talk openly and honestly about the dangers on the Internet.
 - Ask them about and have them show you their online activities.
 - Help them to feel comfortable about coming to you if something makes them feel uncomfortable, or scared.
3. **Filter & Monitor Content.** Use software to filter the content and to monitor who and what reaches your kids while online. To see the Internet Filter Review of the top ten software applications, go to: <http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com>
4. **Avoid Isolation.** Locate the computer in a central location, never in a child's bedroom.
5. **Keep Identity Private.** Help your kids to learn that they should never share personal information about themselves, family, or friends.

To schedule a presentation on Internet Safety in your local community (i.e., school, church, etc.), please call us at 1-800-866-5852.

