

Glossary of Internet Terms:

Buddy List: Instant message addresses of favorite users.

Bulletin Boards: Message boards, public areas on the Internet where messages or comments can be posted for other board members to read and reply to.

Chat Room: A virtual room or gathering place, for Internet users with shared interests to congregate and converse.

Grooming: Process that online predators use to build false trust in order to meet them face to face.

Emoticons: A string of characters that represent an emotion when you type.

Flame: To send a mean or hurtful electronic message.

FW: Forward – informs the recipient a redirected message has been sent to them. The sender is not the author and, therefore, is suspicious.

IM: Instant messaging – real time Internet communication. A private “chat room.”

Looping: Website code that does not allow a visitor to exit. Feature of many adult Internet sites.

Phishing: Phishing attacks use “spoofed” e-mails and fraudulent websites designed to fool recipients into divulging personal financial data.

Post: An act of putting information on the Internet. You usually post to newsgroups or bulletin boards.

Screen Name: Online name or nickname. An alias used in Cyberspace.

Spam: An expression for unsolicited email, generally from a company trying to get you to visit their web site or an offer to make money.

Emoticons:

Hugs and Kisses:

:* kisses
:-X a big wet kiss!

Happy, Smiling, Laughing:

:-) smiling; agreeing
:-D laughing

Teasing, Mischievous:

;-) winking; just kidding
;-> devilish wink

Affirming, Supporting:

;-o Wow!
^5 High five

Unhappy, Sad:

:-(Frowning; boo hoo
:-C Really bummed

Angry, Sarcastic:

>:-< Angry
:-V Shouting
:-r Sticking tongue out



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Internet Safety for Parents

With the exponential growth of the Internet and with more children going online at a younger age there is a need in Seneca County for parental awareness on the dangers associated with the Internet.

This brochure contains some tips, terms, and information to help you protect your children and yourself on the Internet.

Parenting Tips:

Keep the computer in an open area –

Adults should monitor what children are accessing with the computer.

Beware of all requests for your personal identification online –

Never give out personal information unless you initiate the correspondence.

Respect your child's privacy – Respect your child's privacy, but make certain they know personally everyone on their e-mail "buddy" list. Work to generate parent and child trust that supports open and honest Internet use.

Delete unsolicited attachments – Viruses and worms are activated by opening an infected e-mail attachment. Use updated anti-virus software, install a firewall, and regularly monitor your computer.

Know intellectual property and copyright regulations – Using file-sharing programs for downloading music can open up your computer to identity thieves by giving access to your personal information. Downloading music and movies without paying for it is illegal.

Be a part of your child's online experience – It can be a fun journey to explore the wonders of the Internet as a family.

Eluding Internet Predators:

Keep usernames and profiles generic and anonymous – Discuss your child's online screen name(s), profile(s), and activities. Many provide too much information. Ensure all screen names and profiles are non-specific and purposely vague.

Avoid posting personal photos – Pictures can be altered to embarrass or humiliate. They also provide personal information that can help an Internet predator to pretend to know you, your children, and/or their friends.

Always keep private information private – With just three pieces of personal information, specialized Internet search engines can be used to locate someone anywhere. Internet conversations should never include any personal information.

Cyber Bullying Awareness Tips:

Encourage your child to tell an adult – For some children, their reaction to being bullied is not only fright, but also confusion about how to react appropriately.

Report cyber bullying – Internet Service Providers (ISPs) can often block a cyber bully, and schools have specific procedures and rules to handle bullying. Save the bully's message and screen name, then contact and report it.

If you are threatened with harm, tell the police – Even if you don't know how to identify the individual who has made the threat, law enforcement often has access to the information and may be able to track down and arrest them before they do more harm.

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(419) 447-3456**

Monitoring Programs:

eBlaster works without the knowledge of the user and reports are emailed to you, so you don't have to access the computer. www.spectorsoft.com

Child Safe monitoring program emails logs to you and even will limit access. www.webroot.com

Parent Tools for AIM the best solution if you want to limit and/or monitor AIM (AOL Instant Messenger). It not only records conversations but it also includes the ability to limit dangerous features on AIM and set up a schedule. www.ignitesoft.com/parenttools

Spector works without the knowledge of the user but you have to go to that computer and check the reports. www.spectorsoft.com

Internet Safety Games:

Learning about Internet safety should be a family experience. Try one of these helpful links to make learning about Internet safety fun.

Safety Games for Kids

www.kidscom.com/games/isg/isg.html

www.media-awareness.ca/english/games/index.cfm

www.netsmartzkids.org/indexfl.htm

www.gamequarium.com/internetsafety.html

Resources for Parents

www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm

www.ou.edu/oupd/isparent.htm