

Keeping Smart Online!

See if you can remember these 5 Safety Tips, and then prove to your friends and parents that you are a SMART surfer.

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SECRET – Always keep your name, address, mobile phone number and password private - it's like giving out the keys to your home!

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MEETING someone you have contacted in cyberspace can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's/carer's permission, and then when they can be present.

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ACCEPTING e-mails or opening files from people you don't really know or trust can get you into trouble - they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

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REMEMBER someone online may be lying and not be who they say they are. Stick to the public areas in chat rooms and if you feel uncomfortable simply get out of there!

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TELL your parent or carer if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.



“The Internet is great fun and a brilliant way to keep in contact with friends. However, it is really important that we all use the Net safely and always remember these SMART rules to stay safe online.”

Ant & Dec

Further Advice & Resources



The **Kidsmart** website contains further resources and activities for both parents, teachers & children including the online role play activity “Net Detectives.”

www.kidsmart.org.uk



Chatdanger.com - vital advice for young people and parents on using Internet Chat rooms safely.

www.chatdanger.com



The **Cable & Wireless Childnet Awards** site showcases over 100 inspiring projects designed by young people and teachers.

www.childnetawards.org



Childnet's main site includes further information and links to a wide range of other resources.

www.childnet-int.org

Kidsmart is an Internet safety awareness programme for schools run by Childnet with support from Cable & Wireless and the Department for Education and Skills. The programme helps pupils, teachers and parents to understand Internet safety issues and includes creative online role-play activities, and resources to encourage children to stay safe and be smart online.

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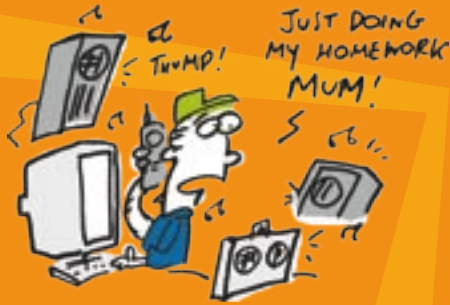
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**an internet safety guide
for young people**

NBD...No Big Deal

Let's face it – when it comes to the Internet, we know much more than our parents. It's no big deal being able to surf the net, be in a chat room and txt your mates on your mobile all at the same time!



But it's not just about using the technology, we have to show our parents that we're SMART about how we use it and who we are in touch with.

WhoRU?

You might think you've met some real cool friends in chat rooms but how can you be sure who you're talking to? The person may be nice and trustworthy, but then again they may not.



I tell my mates not to put too much info in their chat profile and never arrange to meet up with anyone they've been chatting to. Chat room mates are best left in cyberspace.

Stick To The Positive

The great thing about the Internet is that there are some fab sites out there - many of which have been created by young people. If you find a really cool site which helps you with your homework or hobby tell a friend.



Nasty stuff like hate or pornography websites are right out. Get a life! Leave those sites where they belong - in the trash can!

Be particularly careful about sites which ask you for lots of personal details. You never know where that information goes.

You might think you're clued up about using the net safely, but make sure you look out for your mates and younger brothers or sisters. Remind them to be very careful and stick to the SMART rules in this leaflet.



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Mobile up!

Everyone's texting mad - but it's not only your mates who are buzzin your fone! Don't give your mobile phone number out to anyone you don't know and if you start getting annoying or offensive texts, talk to your parent or teacher straight away.



Keep your mobile out of sight when you're on the street and make sure you have a security code or PIN number to lock your phone.

