

Our Family's Rules For Internet Safety

We All Agree:

We will never give out our last name, address, phone number, or any personal information. This includes sports team names, school information, and work information. We have all agreed upon user names (like cb handles or nicknames) to use while we are on the Internet.

Real Name	User Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

When asked where do we live, we are all going to answer: I live in _____
(Upstate New York, or South East Kansas, or Northern Florida) I will never give out more information to anyone.

We all agree to not give out our passwords to anyone outside of our family. If someone finds out our password and uses it, we all could get into big trouble.

We all agree to limit our online time, so that it doesn't interfere with other activities. If mom or dad sets time limits, we agree to abide by them. The Internet is a lot of fun, but we will not allow the Internet to take time away from homework, housework, sports, face to face interactions, or spending time together as a family.

The Kids Agree:

I will never meet anyone in person that I have met online. If anyone ever asks to meet me, I will notify mom or dad, immediately. The only way this would be considered is if my mom or dad was with me and the meeting was in a public place.

I will tell my mom or dad right away if I see something that makes me feel uncomfortable. Sometimes kids wander into sites that are not appropriate. This doesn't mean that I did something wrong.

I will not remain on or click on that page that says, "For Over 18 Years Only." If the page says for over 18 years only, it is because it is not for kids and I will not go any further and I will tell my mom or dad that I got to a page like that.

I will only download pictures and files if I have my parent's permission. Some of these files may contain dangerous viruses that will mess up the computer, so I will not do it, unless my parents know about it first.

I will not send pictures of myself or my family to anyone online. The only way that I am allowed to do this is if my parents say it is all right to do to send to this person and this person only.

I will not believe everything that I see online. I know that anyone can post information on the Internet, just because it is there, doesn't mean that it is correct. If I am in doubt of information, I will research it further.

I agree that nothing is private on the Internet. My mom or dad may read my mail or check the sites that I have been visiting. It isn't because they don't trust me, they just want to make sure that I am safe.

The Adults Agree:

If my child comes and tells that they saw something online that was not appropriate, I will discuss this openly with them.

I stay close to the computer while my child is online and I will be available to answer questions. I know that my child will have questions about how to use the Internet. If I don't know the answer, we will learn together.

Signed:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

This agreement was signed on _____

As a family we make the following promises about our time spent on the Internet:

Me: _____

(Child's name here)

___ I agree that I can only use the Internet between _____ and _____ (*times of the day*) and for up to _____ hours each day.

___ I agree that an adult needs to be around while I'm online.

___ I wouldn't even think of giving out personal information about myself or anyone in my family (including names, pictures, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, name or location of my school) to anyone I meet online - no matter how nice they seem - without my parents' permission.

___ I will not respond to anything online that makes me feel uncomfortable or scared. Instead, I will immediately share the message or web site with my parents or teacher.

___ I will keep one secret: my password. I won't even share that with my best friend.

___ I will not meet in person anyone I've only met online without my parents agreeing and accompanying me.

___ I promise to treat the people I meet online as I myself like to be treated.

___ I will share with my parents the cool stuff I find online. (After all, they want to enjoy the Internet, too!)

___ I will keep these promises whether I'm at home, school, the library, or at a friend's house.

Okay. Now, Parent(s): _____

___ I will explore the Web with my child and communicate clearly my expectations regarding where and how he/she can use the Internet.

___ I will make valiant efforts to keep with up with my child's Internet expertise, and I will allow my child to teach me new online tricks!

___ If my child does find something online that makes him or her uncomfortable, I will immediately follow up with the source of the message or with my Internet service provider. I will understand that my child is not to blame for SPAM.

___ I agree to help my child find cool kid stuff online, whether it's for homework or for plain old fun!

Signed on this Date: _____

By the following extremely COOL SURFERS:

Child: _____

Parent: _____