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Internet Safety Pledge

Traveling through cyberspace can be fun, but like any trip you take you have to "Be Prepared" for unforeseen things. So, read this before you go any further. Then print this page out and discuss it with your parent or guardian.

- I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents'/guardians' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents'/guardians' permission.
- I will tell an adult right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents'/guardians. If my parents'/guardians agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my parent or guardian along.
- I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents'/guardians.
- I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents'/guardians right away so that they can contact the online service.
- I will talk with my parents'/guardians so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

ALSO SEE:

- > GS Central: Safety
- > Girls Only Web site
- > STUDIO 2B Web site

Girl Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Source: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

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Safety Internet Links

My Online Safety Pledge -GSUSA - http://www.girlscouts.org/internet_safety_pledge.asp

Just as children learn not to open doors to people they don't know when they are home alone, girls need to learn how to participate safely on the Internet. This is GSUSA's Online Safety Pledge for girls.

The Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway - <http://www.childrenspartnership.org>

That's the main message of this Guide. It's designed to welcome you, and give you a simple step—by—step introduction to parenting in a world of computers and new forms of media. This Guide will provide some tools and rules for you to use with your children at home, at school, and in the community.

Kid Safety on the Internet - <http://www.ou.edu/oupd/kidsafe/start.htm>

From the University of Oklahoma Department of Public Safety These pages are presented in a "slide-show" fashion and contain questions and answers to help kids protect themselves and handle emergencies. Parents may wish to help guide younger kids through the pages and discuss how these ideas apply to them around the home and at school.

Safe Kids - <http://www.safekids.com>

Your family's guide to making the Internet and Technology fun, safe and productive.

Safe Teens - <http://www.safeteens.com>

A place for parents and teens to learn how to use the Internet safely. No preaching, just good advice.

Truth or Fiction- <http://truthorfiction.com>

...your Email Reality Check! Check out rumors, inspirational stories, virus warnings, humorous tales, pleas for help, urban legends, prayer requests and calls to action to see if they are TRUTH! or FICTION!

Search Engine Links

There are hundreds of search engines but only a select few are used by the majority of users. Here is a list of the top eight search engines online:

Ask.com - <http://www.ask.com>

Google - <http://www.google.com>

Yahoo - <http://www.yahoo.com>

MSN Search - <http://search.msn.com>

WiseNut - <http://wisenut.com>

Gigablast - <http://gigablast.com>

Exalead - <http://beta.exalead.com/search>

Search engine made just for kids:

Yahooigans - <http://yahooligans.yahoo.com>

Ask Jeeves Kids - <http://www.ajkids.com>

Kids Click - <http://www.kidsclick.org>

Cyber Sleuth Kids - <http://cybersleuth-kids.com>

SEARCH ENGINE QUICK TIPS

NOTE: These tips will work with most search engines in their basic search option.

- Use the plus (+) and minus (-) signs in front of words to force their inclusion and/or exclusion in searches.
EXAMPLE: +meat -potatoes
(NO space between the sign and the keyword)
- Use double quotation marks (" ") around phrases to ensure they are searched exactly as is, with the words side by side in the same order.
EXAMPLE: "bye bye miss american pie"
(Do NOT put quotation marks around a single word.)
- Put your most important keywords first in the string.
EXAMPLE: dog breed family pet choose
- Type keywords and phrases in lower case to find both lower and upper case versions. Typing capital letters will usually return only an exact match.
EXAMPLE: *president* retrieves both *president* and *President*
- Use truncation (or stemming) and wildcards (e.g., *) to look for variations in spelling and word form.
EXAMPLE: librar* returns library, libraries, librarian, etc.
EXAMPLE: colo*r returns color (American spelling) and colour (British spelling)
- Combine phrases with keywords, using the double quotes and the plus (+) and/or minus (-) signs.
EXAMPLE: +cowboys +"wild west" -football -dallas
(In this case, if you use a keyword with a +sign, you must put the +sign in front of the phrase as well. When searching for a phrase alone, the +sign is not necessary.)
- When searching within a document for the location of your keyword(s), use the "find" command on that page.
- Know the default (basic) settings your search engine uses (OR or AND). This will have an effect on how you configure your search statement because, if you don't use any signs (+, -, " "), the engine will default to its own settings.
- Know whether or not the search engine you are using maintains a stop word list (a, about, an, and, are, as, at, be, by, from, how, i, in, is, it, of, on, or, that, the, this, to, we, what, when, where, which, with, etc. If it does, don't use known stop words in your search statement. Also, consider trying your search on another engine that does not recognize stop words.

Quick Tips for Boolean Searches

- In Boolean searches, always enclose OR statements in parentheses.
EXAMPLE: Yosemite (campgrounds OR reservations)
- Always use CAPS when typing Boolean operators in your search statements. Most engines require that the operators (AND, OR, AND NOT/NOT) be capitalized. Other engines will accept either CAPS or lower case, so you're on safe ground if you stick to CAPS.
EXAMPLE: "immune system" AND homeopathic (medicine OR remedy)

GIRL SCOUTS LINKS

Western Reserve Girl Scout Council - <http://www.girlscoutswr.org>

Western Reserve Girl Scout Council's own website! Here you will find information on our council, activities, events, training schedules and more! Be sure to check this site often as new activities and events are updated regularly.

Girl Scouts of the USA - <http://www.girlscouts.org>

This is the official GSUSA site. It has many parts.

Girl Scout Central - http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gsc_central

Everything you need for official Girl Scout Information, including: where to place insignia, program ideas, awards, history and much more.

Girls Go Tech - <http://www.girlsgotech.org>

This is a GSUSA website devoted entirely to technology. Play games, look up career information, learn more about math, science & technology.

Girls Only - <http://www.gogirlsonly.org>

This is a GSUSA website designed for younger girls. It has polls, quizzes, Ask Dr. M, games, headlines, e-cards and much more.

Studio 2B - <http://www.studio2b.org>

This is a GSUSA website designed for girls 11 - 17. It has destinations (Wider Opportunities) Scholarship information, Ask Dr. M, polls, quizzes & more.

The World Association of Girl Guides' and Girl Scouts - <http://www.wagggsworld.org/>

This is the official WAGGGS site. It has information on Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world. This would be a great place to visit before that next World Friendship event.

WAGGGS-L Members' Favorite URLs Compilation -

<http://www.alamitosmarina.org/favorits.html>

Subscribers to the WAGGGS-L list banded together, and submitted URLs of their favorite sites. The list was collected and compiled by Donna of Pioneer Valley GSC in Massachusetts. This page is that list. Lots of great links here including songs, games, ceremonies, recipes and much more!

Graphmaster - <http://www.graphmaster.org/girlscouts.htm>

Graphmaster is the place to get free Girl Scout Graphics. They have color and b&w graphics. Just about everything you need to spice up that troop newsletter or website. All are free for you to use, if you use them on a website, the author asks for a link back to theirs.

The Guide Zone - <http://guidezone.e-guiding.com>

The Guide Zone is a collection of ideas, hints, helps and how-tos for leaders in Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, all gleaned from:

- o messages posted to the Canadian Guiding/Scouting mailing list
- o messages posted to the WAGGGS-L mailing list
- o articles written and sent directly to the Guide Zone Team.

The Amazing Surfin Girl's Guide to it All - <http://www.tcsys.com/troop250/>

Cyber Home of Cadette Troop 250 -- St. Louis, Missouri U.S.A. This page contains some great information and links for working with your girls on the internet.

Cyber Cottage - <http://www.phgsc.org/Inside.htm>

From the Prairie Hills Girl Scout Council a wonderful list of links for Girl Scouts. Included are a list of try-its, badges, and interest project patches with links to sites to help your girls earn their badge.

SCOUTING LINKS NEWSLETTER

To Subscribe send an email to: katie.baron@att.net

Scouting Links Files Available as part of Yahoo Groups

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Scouting_Links_Newsletter/files

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[GS Products](#)

[Juliettes aka Independent GS](#)

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[Songs](#)

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The Patch Connection - <http://www.patchco.com/>

The Patch Connection is licensed by the Girl Scouts of the USA for the purpose of providing nonuniform embroidered patches to Girl Scout volunteers and councils. The Patch Connection is a private enterprise not affiliated with the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Leader's Landing - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/9385/>

The Leader's Landing is intended as a resource site with program/resource ideas for new Girl Scout leaders as well as those experienced with the program.

Making Friends - <http://makingfriends.com/>

At Making Friends you'll find lots creative activities for kids ages 2 through 12.

WAGGGS-L Cyber Cookbook - <http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/5307/toc.html>

Lots of girl and leader approved receipes from the WAGGGS-L mailing list.

Animated knots for Scouts and Guides - <http://www.42brghtn.mistral.co.uk/knots/>

This link is to a page that has animated graphics of how to tie specific knots. Many of the basic knots have been covered.

Cooking for Scouts and Scouters - <http://www.macscouter.com/Cooking/>

Cooking for Scouts and Scouters is a growing resource of recipes, cooking hints, and related things. Included is the Geezer Cookbook by Dwayne Pritchett, and the long version of The Dutch Oven Cookbook version 2.3, original compilation in 1990 © by Mike Audleman, and added to by John Lyver. Also included here is the compilation of Foil Dinner Recipes by Kim Kowalewski. There is a growing Chili recipes section, with several recipes from the Geezer's Cookbook.

Scouting Web - <http://www.scoutingweb.com>

Online Scouting resources for Leaders of Girls – Lots of great links.

Kaboose – Kids Domain - <http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/>

Instruction for all kinds of crafts, some Girl Scout specific.

Color a Smile - <http://www.colorasmile.org/>

Color A Smile collects crayon drawings from school children. Every month we distribute these drawings to Nursing Homes, Meals on Wheels Programs, and Individuals all across the country. Our goal is to make people smile!

PatchWork Design - <http://patchworkdesigns.net/>

We create embroidered patches, patch programs, silk-screening, and embroidered merchandise for scouting, schools, historical buildings, museums, organizations, and special events.

Scout Songs - <http://www.scoutsongs.com/categories/girlscout.html>

Index of Girl Scout Songs for scout meetings and camping trips.

Scouting Filing Cabinet - <http://gsleaders.org/files/index.htm>

Welcome to Scouting File Cabinet, your source for a well-balanced troop. Looking for a new activity to pice up a meeting or a form to get everything organized? You've come to the right place! Use the buttons at left to navigate through the site.

Not a Scout - <http://www.immortalia.com/html/sounds/cassettes/notascout.net/index.htm>

Great site. Ideas for crafts, trivia, ceremonies & songs (get lyrics & hear the songs)

Kids List – Girl Scouts - <http://www.kidslist.uc.edu/kidslist/gs.html>

Great links.

The Songbook of Cosmo - <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/5542>

Lyrics to lots of campfire songs!

"Netiquette," (the Internet Etiquette)

1) **THINK BEFORE YOU SEND**

First, foremost and worth repeating often - **DON'T type it** if you don't want to see it in print, posted on a bulletin board, in a newsletter or in front of a jury. You NEVER KNOW who will see your message. There may be people standing near the computer or rifling through another person's PC.

2) **Refrain from using ALL CAPS**

Typing in all CAPITAL letters is frowned upon; it's the equivalent of "screaming" at everyone. It also makes your message more difficult to read. Please compose your e-Mail as if you are writing to your good friends.

3) **SIGN YOUR NAME**

When you are corresponding with, or posting a message in please remember to SIGN your NAME!

4) **DON'T GET LOST**

Give every message a meaningful SUBJECT line. Anyone who gets lots of e-mail is faced with a long list of incoming messages. If the subject line isn't accurate, your message may get pushed to the back of the line or, worse, **DELETED**.

5) **DON'T LOSE TRACK**

Avoid redundancy in your e-mail replies.

Many E-mail programs copy the contents of a message into your reply when you send a response, but if yours doesn't, make sure it's clear what you're replying to.

Please DO NOT quote more than you need. If the point at hand boils down to a single sentence from a six-paragraph message, quote just that sentence!

6) **BREVITY IS BLISS**

Keep in mind it only takes a mouse click to delete a message. Bore someone with a rambling message and odds are it will be gone before they reach the midway point.

7) **KNOW YOUR RECIPIENT:**

Keep in mind whom you're writing to. If it's someone you know well, they probably know when you're joking and when you're serious. If not, make your mood known, after a joke put a smiley face :) - or simply type *GRIN* after the joke.

8) EXPRESS Yourself with 'Emoticons'

Emoticons are human-face drawings composed of text characters. They help express emotions online -- for more dynamic communication.

Here are just a few (tilt your head to the left to see the effect):

:), :-)) — is a smile
;) — is a wink
;-)) — is a smile with a wink
:(, :-(
>:-) — is a devil
0:-) — is an angel

9) SHORTHAND

FYI — shorthand for "For Your Information."
BTW — has long been accepted for "by the way."
LOL — shorthand for "laughing out loud."
TTYL — means "talk to you later?"

10) No CHAIN LETTERs or Advertisements

Chain letters are NEVER appreciated in the online community. This is often referred to as "SPAMMING" and could irreparably "harm your reputation" and/or that of your company's (organization's) in the eyes of the Internet community. And when there is enough complaint against you, your ISP - the Internet Service Provider will probably drop you from membership!

11) NO JUNK e-MAIL, NO ATTACHMENT FILE, NO BAD SURPRISE:

11a) Please DO NOT add anyone to a list of 30 other people who share nothing in common. Not only does it add to the impersonal nature of the message, it says you DON'T CARE enough to figure out who really wants to hear that message.

11b) And **N-E-V-E-R**, ever, send e-Mail with a file attached that others are NOT expecting. In most cases, they'll have to decide whether to download the file before they can read your e-mail message. Sure, it's probably a brilliant prose that just happens to be composed in another program, or a handy new utility. But it could just as easily be a virus-laden time bomb waiting to blot other people's hard drive out of existence. Simply reading e-mail doesn't pose a threat. Opening or running a file received by e-mail is another story. Smart e-Mail users WILL NOT take a chance with their computers.

11c) Also, please DO NOT send an e-Mail message with a lot of garbage in it. If you must FORWARD an e-Mail message, please USE the COPY & PASTE technique to transfer the original message into a new space (as if you are composing your e-Mail message for the first time).

The reason? Therefore your e-Mail recipients can receive a "clean and nicely typed" message from you (without the eye sore). Also, it will say you Do CARE enough to conveniently allow your recipients to enjoy and understand the very message you are attempting to convey to others.