

*Children*  
**BASIC CYBER SAFETY TIPS**

**Do not share passwords.**

**Do not share your name, age or location while online.**

**Ask an adult before using the computer.**

**Tell an adult when you feel threatened or scared.**

**Be respectful when you are online.**

**Use the Internet responsibly.**

*Parents*  
**BASIC CYBER SAFETY TIPS**

Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.

Establish limits as to which online sites children may visit and for how long.

Remember that Internet technology is also mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.

Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.

Parents, get basic internet training. Your children can teach you.



**INTERNET LINGO OF SOCIAL OR SEXUAL NATURE**

- WYCM — Will You Call Me?
- ASL — Age/Sex/Location
- MorF — Male or Female
- KFY — Kiss For You
- MOOS — Member(s) of the Opposite Sex
- ADR — Address
- LMIRL — Let's Meet In Real Life
- HAK — Hugs And Kisses
- ILU or ILY — I Love You or I Like You
- KOTL — Kiss On The Lips
- SMIM — Send Me an Instant Message
- SMEM — Send Me an E-Mail
- WUF — Where Are You From?
- WYRN — What's Your Real Name?

**SLANG TO WARN OF PARENTAL MONITORING**

- POS — Parent Over Shoulder
- PIR — Parent In Room
- P911 — Parent Alert
- PAW — Parents Are Watching
- PAL — Parents Are Listening
- KPC — Keeping Parents Clueless



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## What is the Internet?



According to the **Internet Society**, defining the Internet *isn't* easy. Unlike any other technology, the Internet can be whatever we make it. We can shape it, mould it, but most importantly, we can use it to connect people, communities, and countries around the world.

However, the **British Broadcasting Commission** states that, the internet is a global network of computers that works much like the postal system, only at sub-second speeds. Just as the postal service enables people to send each other envelopes containing information, the internet enables computers to send small packets of digital data.

For that to work, they use a common 'language' called TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol). If you are on the internet, you have an IP address.

## How does it work?

The Internet works because open standards allow every network to connect to every other network.

This is what makes it possible for anyone to create content, offer services, and sell products without requiring permission from a central authority.

It levels the playing field for everyone and it's the reason why we have a rich diversity of applications and services that many of us enjoy today.

## Who is in charge of the Internet?

No one is, but everyone is.

Unlike the telephone network, which for years in most countries, was run by a single company, the global Internet consists of tens of thousands of interconnected networks run by service providers, individual companies, universities, governments, and others.



## Why is it important to stay safe online?

Most of us are 'connected' via our laptops, mobile phones, tablets or personal computer. The potential for the internet to be a valuable resource for business, entertainment, making friends, keeping in touch and learning is huge. However, if you use the internet, you could be at risk of illegal activity or abuse - be it fraud, bullying or something more serious. Unlike seeing someone face to face, on the net, people aren't always what they seem.

In the same way you learn about safety when you leave the house, it is important to learn how to stay safe online. These are skills which when acquired should always be practiced .

## Other types of internet use: Emails, Spam, Phishing and Viruses

- Spam — unsolicited bulk messages, especially advertising.
- Phishing — the act of attempting to acquire sensitive information, such as usernames, passwords, bank account and credit card details .
- Viruses/Adware/Malware — programmes that maybe harmful to your computer.

You can avoid unwanted emails by getting the right software