

Internet Safety Tips for Children

6th graders have been working the internet safety during the last days. They have been working collaboratively finding, sharing and writing information about this topic.

They found interesting tips about the internet safety for children and teens:

- **Personal Information.** Don't give personal information without your parents' permission. You shouldn't share your last name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
- **Screen Name.** When creating your screen name, don't include personal information like your last name or date of birth.
- **Passwords.** Don't share your password with anyone but your parents.
- **Photos.** Don't post photos or videos online without getting your parents' permission.
- **Online Friends.** Don't agree to meet an online friend unless you have your parents' permission. Sometimes people pretend to be people they aren't. Remember that not everything you read online is true.
- **Online Ads.** Don't buy anything online without talking to your parents first. Some ads may try to trick you by offering free things or telling you that you have won something as a way of collecting your personal information.
- **Downloading.** Talk to your parents before you open an email or download a software. Attachments sometimes contain viruses. Never open an attachment from someone you don't know.
- **Bullying.** Don't send or answer to mean or insulting messages. Tell your parents if you receive one. If something happens online that makes you feel uncomfortable, talk to your parents or to a teacher at school.
- **Social Networking.** Many social networking websites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Second Life and Myspace) and blog hosting websites have minimum age requirements to sign up. These requirements are there to protect you!
- **Research.** Talk to your librarian, teacher or parent about safe and accurate websites for research. The public library offers lots of resources. If you use online information in a school project make sure you explain where you got the information.



Social Media Crossword

1. A small, attractive application on a website such as a hit counter.
2. A site updated frequently by an individual or group to record opinions or information.
3. Simple web pages that can be edited by other users.
4. Anything shared across social networks that get passed along rapidly e.g. YouTube.
5. A system that manages content.
6. #
7. It is an image or username that represents a person online most often within forums and social networks.
8. A free URL shortening service.
9. A one-to-one communication on the internet.
10. Clusters of a user's friends, colleagues, family or connections on Google+.
11. Platform founded by Mark Zuckerberg.
12. A network for online picture sharing.
13. They are also known as message boards.
14. A photo sharing application gained more than 300 million users.
15. An action that can be made by a Facebook user.
16. A self-portrait taken using the reverse camera screen on a smartphone.
17. A pictorial representation of a facial expression which is used in writing.
18. A message sent on Twitter.

The crossword puzzle grid is a 15x15 grid of squares. The starting points for the words are numbered 1 through 18. The grid is partially filled with social media icons: a Facebook 'f' logo, a red YouTube play button, a blue Twitter bird, a red Google+ 'g+' logo, a blue thumbs-up icon, a globe with 'SOCIAL MEDIA' text and various icons, and a grey app icon with blue and pink circles. The grid is composed of black and white squares, with numbers 1 through 18 indicating the start of words.

