

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS (AND PARENTS)



- **Keep your Account ID and password private** – even from your best friend! No one should need this information but you, so no one else should be asking for it!
- **Don't give out personal information** about yourself or anyone else. Don't post phone numbers, addresses, e-mail address, Social Security numbers, passwords, or any other private information, including your real name and school you attend. Don't share photos online. Don't use screen names that make it easy to pinpoint your personal identity such as your first name, what school you attend, or what city you live in.
- Always delete unknown e-mail attachments without opening them. **They can contain destructive viruses.**
- If a person writes something that is mean or makes you uncomfortable, don't respond. Just log off and tell your parents, who can report it to your online service provider. And remember – not everyone is as nice, cute, and funny as they may sound online. **Never make plans to meet an online "friend" in person.**
- Remember that nothing you write on the Web is completely private – including instant messages and e-mail. So **be careful and think about what you type** and who you tell.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT** – always ask your parents for help – and just **LOG OFF** if you're not sure! You can always go back online later.