

Know your child's

CYBERWORLD

Tips for Parents

1 Maintain open communication with your child about technology and the appropriate uses of it.



2 Make sure your child knows they cannot be anonymous on the Internet.



3 Talk to your child about what should never be posted online and the dangers of posting too much information.

4 Explain that posting online is just like writing in permanent marker – it cannot be erased.



5 Engage your child in continuous conversations about how to behave online.



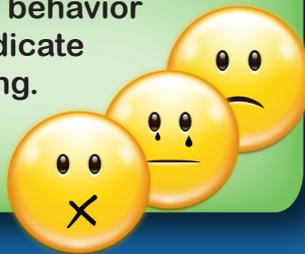
6 Complete a “use agreement” with your child and talk about respecting others online. Establish and enforce household rules for technology usage.



7 Discuss why strong passwords are important, how to create them and the need to keep them private. Obtain all passwords for devices and apps.

8 Stay informed on your child's Internet habits, review their user history and observe their social media activity. Know who their friends and followers are.

9 Be aware of changes in your child's behavior that may indicate cyberbullying.



10 Never threaten to take away your child's phone or Internet access. This could prevent them from approaching you in the future about online problems.



Do you have a question about your child's cyberworld habits, activities or language? Call the Attorney General's E-Info Hotline at 1-888-414-7678 or email an Internet Safety Specialist at e-info@atg.state.il.us. All questions are welcome.

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