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# Discussion Starters

*Some suggestions to get an Internet Safety conversation going with your child...*

## ***Internet Safety***

- What are your favorite things to do online?
- What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?
- What could you do to be safer online?
- What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face-to-face?
- Besides me, who do you feel that you can talk to if you are in a scary or uncomfortable situation?

## ***Gaming***

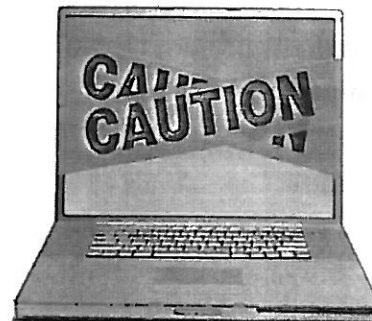
- Can we play some of your favorite games together?
- How do you respond if someone bothers you while you are gaming?
- How much do you let people know about you while gaming?
- What kinds of people do you game with?
- Do you feel safe while you are gaming online? Why or why not?

## ***Cell Phones***

- What features do you use on your cell phone? Could you show me how to use them?
- Have you ever gotten a text from someone you do not know? If so, what did you do about it?
- Have you ever sent a text that was rude or mean?
- How many numbers do you have stored in your phone? Do you know them all in person?
- Has anyone ever taken an embarrassing picture of you without your permission?
- Have you ever taken an embarrassing picture of someone else? What did you do with it?
- Have you ever talked with someone you first met online on your cell phone?

## ***Social Networking***

- Could you show me your online profile(s)?
- Do you use your real name or age when communicating with others online?
- What types of things do you post on your page?
- How do you decide who to add a friend?
- Would you feel comfortable if I checked your profile?



### ***Predators***

- What do you know about online predators?
- Have you ever met anyone online who asked you to meet face-to-face?
- What would/did you do if someone asked to meet you in person?
- Has anyone ever tried talking to you online about inappropriate or sexual things? What did you do?
- How might someone online try to gain your trust?
- Why might someone online want to gain your trust? What are the possible risks of trusting them?
- Why is it important that you come to me if someone makes you feel uncomfortable online?

### ***Inappropriate Content***

- What do you consider to be inappropriate material on the Internet?
- Without seeking it, how could someone run into inappropriate content online?
- Have you ever come across inappropriate content on the Internet? What was it? What did you do about it?
- What would you do if you came across a pop-up of a naked person or a hate website regarding a specific religion?
- Would you feel comfortable telling me about anything you saw online that made you feel scared or uncomfortable? Why or why not?

### ***Revealing Too Much***

- Can I take a look at what you have been posting online?
- Does anyone else have access to your passwords?
- What information is okay to share online? What information should you keep private?
- What could someone learn about you from what you post online? How might they use this information?
- Have you ever regretted anything you posted online?

### ***Sexting***

- Have you ever received a sexual message or naked picture on your cell phone?
- Has anyone ever asked or pressured you to send a nude or sexual picture?
- Do you think it's Ok to send "sexy" images? Why?
- What could happen to you if you send or forward a naked picture?
- How likely is it that images and messages intended for one person will be seen by others?