



# Digital Safety and Citizenship

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# Welcome Digital Immigrants!

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# During This Session You Will:

1. Hear the basics about Digital Safety and Citizenship plus who is a "Digital Immigrant"
2. See how to find and navigate Free Online Digital Citizenship Resources
3. Receive helpful tips to assist you in setting rules and monitoring your child's safe use of digital devices.

# Digital Immigrant or Digital Native?

Digital Immigrants: Born prior to 1980, grew up without digital devices and are learning and adapting to the use of digital technology.

Digital Natives: Grew up using digital devices and technology.


If using digital devices feels uncomfortable or scary, make plans to improve your skills by asking someone you know who is comfortable – a friend or family member – to help you feel more at ease using digital technology and monitoring your child's use of it.

# Digital Safety



Digital Safety: The practices and precautions taken when using the Internet and digital devices in order to ensure that your personal information and your devices remain safe.

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[http://www.ehow.com/about\\_6577504\\_definition-internet-safety.html](http://www.ehow.com/about_6577504_definition-internet-safety.html)



# Digital Safety - From What?

## Top 10 Mistakes Kids Make Online

1. **Sharing Private Information**
2. **Cyberbullying**
3. **Accepting Friend Requests From Strangers**
4. **Not Using Privacy Settings on Social Networks**
5. **Allowing Location Access on Cell Phones**
6. **Sharing Personal Videos/Pictures**
7. **Pretending To Be Someone Else**
8. **Sharing Accounts or Passwords**
9. **Not Following Age Restrictions**
10. **Believing They Are Anonymous**

Source: <http://www.cybersafefamily.com/top-10-mistakes-kids-make-online/>

# Don't Be Scared - Be Prepared!

Discuss and set your digital safety and citizenship rules with your child before the first use of digital devices. It's never too late, discuss and set rules even if your child has been using digital devices. This may help avoid problems like:

- viewing inappropriate material
- downloading files with computer viruses
- unauthorized online purchases or ID theft
- being blocked from social media sites

# Digital Citizenship



Basic good manners - "The Golden Rule"


Respect yourself and others

Keep private information private

Use appropriate language

Be responsible with your words and actions

Once words or pictures are posted the sender no longer has control over who that information is shared with or how another person may "edit" or use it. Information may be quickly shared around the world.





# Help Your Child Avoid Trouble!

Digital device users are responsible for what they post. Cyberbullying, the sending of offensive pictures or messages for the purpose of harming another, is never OK regardless of who or how it starts. Stop a situation from negatively affecting your child's life.

Teach your child to wait to respond to a post/situation until:

1. emotions are under control,
2. all consequences are considered,
3. the response respectfully conveys the correct message

Stop and correct inappropriate behaviors:

1. based on raw emotion, a dare, impulsive reaction, etc.
2. using inappropriate language or bullying