

Quick Tips for Parents

- 1) Talk to your kids and make sure they understand the basic rules for online safety.
- 2) Help the whole family remember that the Internet is a public place. Set up your computer in a family space in your home, not in a bedroom or isolated area.
- 3) Learn how to secure your computer and monitor its use with tips like those at <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/children/childrenonline.msp>

Web Safety Sites for the Whole Family:

These are great places to start your family's conversation about web safety!

NetSmartz Workshop <http://www.netsmartz.org/index.htm>

StaySafe.org

<http://www.staysafe.org/index.html>

iSafe.org

<http://www.isafe.org>

Main Library 798-6303
201 Chestnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Monday to Thursday 9 AM-8 PM
Friday and Saturday 9 AM-5 PM
Sunday 1 PM-5 PM

Northeast Regional Library 798-6373
1241 Military Cutoff Road
Wilmington, NC 28405
Monday to Wednesday 9 AM-8 PM
Thursday to Saturday 9 AM-5 PM

Myrtle Grove Library 798-6393
5155 South College Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
Monday to Wednesday 9 AM-8 PM
Thursday to Saturday 9 AM-5 PM

Carolina Beach Branch 798-6380
300 Cape Fear Boulevard
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
Monday to Friday 9 AM-5 PM
Saturday 9 AM-1 PM



Internet Safety

Websites for Kids, Teens, & Parents

Your online library is always open at
<http://www.nhclibrary.org/>

Safety for Teens

<http://xblock.isafe.org/>

On the X-block site, teens can learn about Internet safety, chat in a safe and monitored environment about Internet-related concerns, and can take online training to become mentors and share tips on cyber safety with other teens. This site is part of i-SAFE, a nonprofit foundation for Internet safety education endorsed by the U.S. Congress.

<http://www.staysafe.org/teens/default.html>

Articles on Internet issues relevant to teens include online bullying, blogging, and safe use of social networking sites.

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/tech/tec14.htm>

"Social Networking Sites: Safety Tips for Tweens & Teens" shares specific safety tips for social networking sites like myspace, Xanga, facebook, and others.

Safety for Kids

<http://www.netsmartzkids.org/indexfl.htm>

The NetSmartzKids site has games, cartoons, and other fun ways to learn about online safety.

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/kidzprivacy/kidz.htm>

The "Kidz Privacy" site outlines basic steps kids should take to protect their privacy online. This site from the Federal Trade Commission also has links to numerous suggested resource pages for parents and teachers.

<http://www.safekids.com/kidsrules.htm>

10 basic "Kids' Rules for Online Safety."

http://www.google.com/Top/Kids_and_Teens/Computers/Internet/Safety/

The Google Open Directory page lists many other sites for kids learning about online safety.

Info for Parents

<http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguidee.htm>

This "Parent's Guide to Internet Safety," provides parents with suggestions on how to minimize a child's chance of encountering exploitation online, and information on what parents should do if they suspect a child may be communicating with an online predator.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/foryoungpeople/youngpeopleparents/especiallyyoungpeople.htm#online>

This site from the American Library Association includes links to resources for online safety, links to kid-safe search engines and lists of suggested kid-friendly websites.

<http://www.getnetwise.org/>

The Kids' Safety section of the GetNetWise site offers an especially helpful section for parents on planning online safety for all age groups from preschoolers to high schoolers.