

## Internet/Facebook Safety & Security Tips:

- Only let people be friends if you know them in person
- Revise & frequently review your privacy settings
- Don't assume you have privacy
- Use a different password for every site
- Don't share your password with anyone except your family
- Post as few identifying facts, such as your address and the city and date of your birth, as possible
- Make sure no one's set up a fake page for you
- Don't visit porn sites or sites selling questionable wares
- See what others have to say about an application before you add it.
- Don't add too many applications
- Don't add applications that ask for a password
- Don't join inappropriate groups
- Once you're logged in, don't log in again
- Make sure you have a computer operating system, firewall and anti-virus program that update automatically
- Back up your computer regularly
- Block and report anyone that sends you unwanted or inappropriate communications

## Facebook Tips for Parents:

- "Children under 13 years old are not permitted access to Facebook. In addition, parents of children 13 years and older should consider whether their child should be supervised during the child's use of the Facebook site." *Source: Facebook*
- Keep internet-connected computers in plain view
- Join before your kid does (if possible)
- Add friends, applications, groups, photos, etc. to your own page so that you know how it all works
- Check your child's privacy settings
- Share safety tips with them
- Be your kid's "friend" – in full profile!
- Be your kid's friends' "friend" (if possible)
- Don't stalk or embarrass your child
- Get your child's username and password
- Check your child's profile as regularly as you think necessary
- Challenge them to tell you something about their friends
- Don't assume Facebook or other parents will monitor your child's safety
- Set limits on time and access
- Balance trust & monitoring

## Internet security software:

Can be used to:

- **Filter sexually explicit graphic descriptions or images:** These tools block your child from viewing most sexually explicit material on the Web. But be aware, no filter is perfect.
- **Monitor your child's online activities:** These tools allow parents and caregivers the ability to monitor your child's online activities through a variety of methods.
- **Limit the amount of time your child spends online:** These tools can limit the amount time you child spends online. Some tools allow parents to block out times of the day when the child can or cannot go online.
- **Block your child's personal information from being posted or emailed:** These tools prevent a child from giving strangers their personal information (e.g. name, home address, etc.) while they are online.
- **Browsers for kids:** These are Web browsers that serve as a gateway between your computer and the Internet. Browsers for kids generally filter sexual or otherwise inappropriate words or images. They are often designed to be easier for kids to use.

Software selection guide: <http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/>

## How to Sign Up for Facebook:

[http://www.kchristieh.com/blog/?page\\_id=995](http://www.kchristieh.com/blog/?page_id=995)