

Online Safety Tips for parents

1. Become “friends’ with your child in any social network environment they create.
2. Maintain easy access to your child’s profile via their log-in.
3. Ensure that you can always have access to your child’s phone to help them stay safe.
4. Educate your children about the importance of protecting family and friends’ images and teach them to seek permission of another before they send or upload images to the internet.
5. Try to always maintain open lines of communication with children. Do not over-react if you see something that alarms you or makes you angry.
6. Agree on a time in the evening to stop using the technology within the home.
7. Talk about their friends and social activity as a way to reduce the opportunity for cyber-separation to develop.
8. Teach your children to protect their online identity, as a way to future-proof themselves for employment.

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