



## How can home, school, and community work together?

Communicate your concerns with the school and community officials. We learn from each other and can work together to keep our kids safe online.

### “Key People” to discuss your child’s online activity with...

- Your child
- Other parents
- Teachers
- School Counselors
- Principals
- Police Officers
- Ministers / Priests
- Therapists / Community Counselors

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*“It takes a village to raise a child.”*

-African Proverb



## Have more questions about cyber-safety?

Who to contact at your school:

- Mrs. Welker  
Principal
- Mr. Stepanovich  
Assistant Principal
- Miss Rhoades  
School Counselor

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Contact your local law enforcement agency if you have extreme concerns about your child’s safety online: (330) 489-3100

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# Cyber-Safety Tips for Parents

*A parent’s guide to setting limits and boundaries for online activity at home.*

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## Staying Safe in a Fast Paced World

Over the past decade technology has grown so much that it can be challenging to keep up with the constant updates and changes being made to the resources we use. Smart phones, televisions, cars, video games, computers, the Internet, Facebook, and YouTube. Sometimes it seems like as soon as we become comfortable with one version of our beloved technology infused possessions, it is time to update and relearn a new technology. It is no secret that we live in an ever-changing, fast-paced world. We are fortunate to have the benefits of technology which has the ability to make our lives so much easier yet complex at the same time. As parents, a hope is that our children will grow into successful and respectful citizens in this age of technology. They need our help. This guide will introduce a few basic tips to guiding your children as they become familiar with the endless opportunities that the internet provides. The internet is a world of its own and it is important that adults set limits and boundaries as children navigate online... just as they set limits and boundaries for children navigating the neighborhood.

### TIPS

**1. Set clear rules, limits, and boundaries-**

Post these near the computer to serve as a reminder. Also, try creating an internet use contract and having your child sign-it.

**2. Keep the computer in an open area of your home -**

Good places to keep the computer include: the living room, family room, or kitchen. Avoid keeping a computer in your child's bedroom. Also, pick a public place to charge laptops (and cell phones) each night.

**3. Take time to learn about computers yourself-**

Some local libraries offer free classes to the community. Talk with your child's school if you have questions or concerns about your child's safety online.

**4. Allow your children to come to you with questions and concerns-**

Make sure your children know they can come to you when things go wrong or they make mistakes. Try not to overreact and compliment them for confiding in you.

**5. Monitor your child's online activity-**

Ask questions and openly discuss your child's online activity. Tell your child your expectations upfront.

**6. Take advantage of online filtering programs or parental controls-**

Restricting access to dangerous or inappropriate sites will keep your child safe.

**7. Talk with your children about their favorite sites-**

Get to know where your child goes online and what they like to do.

**8. Limit access to technology-** Technology is a fantastic resource but it can be addictive. Make sure the computer is not your child's closest friend.

**9. Talk about not sharing personal information online-** Talk with your child about what is appropriate and inappropriate to share online. Strangers on the internet should be dealt with the same as strangers on the streets.

**10. Get to know your child's "online friends"-** It is good to know your child's friends online, just as much as offline.

**11. Parents should have full access to passwords and websites-** Let your child know that you will be keeping a list of their passwords for accounts. If a problem arises, look at the account with your child and discuss the issue together.

### FOR MORE TIPS VISIT:

<http://www.netSMART.org>

<http://www.cyber-safety.com/parents.html>

[www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CyberSafetyWeek](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CyberSafetyWeek)

Faircrest Memorial Middle School website

[www.stopcyberbullying.org](http://www.stopcyberbullying.org)

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