

How to **Protect** Your Children Online



Internet Safety Tips for Kids
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Introduction

Children tend to explore things that they think they are capable of doing. They crave for more things beyond what they can do. For that, they want to know more about the world.

With the new technology of internet, everything would be possible than what their parents think. The task becomes easier by just a few keystrokes in the keyboard and less than 8 seconds the website of their choice is there. For that, what children want to know and needed is already presented in the website.

When children are exposed to the internet, they are also close to new ways in exploring things. There are many things they can do such as searching for their favorite movies, television series, books or latest updates of their favorite shows.

If they think that these things can harm them, they will take advantage of the unlimited availability of information in the internet. There are certain websites that a child can land on that parents may think are safe.

But they do not know that some of them have chat rooms that can be the culprit of danger for a child. Even though some would say that they

are not interested with this thing. As what mentioned earlier, a child will be curious beyond what he is capable of.

When he gets bored accessing same things all over, he might try to use the chat room and look for someone he can call an online friend. These people are strangers to them, but when they become open, children might feel comfortable talking to them.

Once they found out how interesting this application, they will seek out more friends that are in the circle of their interests. What they do not know, they are putting their selves on danger if they are not careful of the information they are giving. On the other hand, these people would be like a wolf pretending to offer a friendship but once they see the chance they would grab for the sheep. This so called friendship that the children think they have become more serious that they start to open their life to them and told all things what they felt.

All the emotions and problems they felt will be confined from some strangers they only met online.

Thinking that the other person whom they trust can really help them from what they are going through. Far from what they know, this person

is only taking advantage of the emotional distress that your child is going through. Your child will be lured from the fake intention of the person is giving such as promises, attention and love over the internet.

As soon as they see that your child is already comfortable with them, they start to introduce the contents of pornography or gambling. As children get to be too curious, they will surely find out more. This will be the start that the strangers will continuously giving them the sexual images and talks on a sexually explicit manner. In short, they are slowly being brainwashed by their so called friends.

Your children will start to show actions of starting to grow up faster than they need aside from their normal life as a child. Sooner that these people think that your children are already ready to move into being friends from another level, they will talk of meeting up in personal.

Once this thing happen, your children will be on the hands of the stranger for a long period of time. That is when parents worry for their child's safety and do whatever to have their child back. People who are doing this over the internet vary on age limits. They are not usually old and some of them are only a little older

than your child. They can be good in luring your children, no matter what the age, and that is the parents' problem.

Though others may not be on the field of child molester but still they can do harm in your children in other ways that parents should always be prepared and aware.

Internet: Child's Library of Information

Accessing information in the old times was never convenient. Long ago, only males are allowed to go to school and achieved a degree in Philosophy or Literature. But as soon as the Middle Ages came, information and knowledge were only in the hands of religious people not until Renaissance came that they were allowed to be seen.

Decades and centuries passed, women were also allowed to go to school. People now are granted with all the available information they want to obtain. The day came that everything changes and made accessing information very easy for everyone.

First, we have these libraries where collections of books were stocked in order. Until we came to databases where all information are stored in a way that we could search through and retrieve without a sweat or passing each aisle in the library. All these databases are made available online and can search them through the internet in just seconds to minute of researching. It is the internet that made the revolutionary step on ways to access the knowledge and given the people around the

globe a chance to expand the knowledge beyond what they learned.

This becomes an advantage for children who are studying in accessing information that could help them in their projects and homework. But internet need is very helpful if used in the right way. It is also their means of sharing their knowledge on the field of their expertise from people in their same circle of interests.

Through internet, they can easily help out people who are seeking knowledge from an expert. This is true to some children who wanted to learn new things and seek answers from a true expert. We as parents have to know the advantages and disadvantages of internet in our child. The vast information that online contains may be right or wrongly used. As parents we have to know what will be right and wrong for our children. This is not only for them to be aware but also for us that internet is either educational or destruction.

Advantages of Internet In a Child's Life

Here are the advantages of internet as our way to access knowledge in a super express way:

Information and knowledge are freely given to some specific sites. One of the latest trends for children to search for information are the online free encyclopedia such as Wikipedia that allows experts to post their knowledge of expertise that would be available for everyone to access like a hardbound encyclopedia. There are also other sites that have specific topics and categories of their contents such as science, technology, clothes or fashion. Everything you need is just a few keystrokes away.

Even though there are certain sites that are not free but there are online merchant sites that offer books or other information that cannot be found on free sites. For example the Amazon and Barnes offer electronic books that children can download and read on their computer than picking up a real heavy book in the library.

Knowledge is not just presented through text but is also available in different media. It will depend on the users want and learning capabilities. A person who is more visual can

watch video, read e-books or pamphlets to obtain the information he or she wants. If a person is more on audio learning, there are many audio media containing information that he can listen to. The way internet presented knowledge in a flexible and versatile manner allows people to gain more learning on the format they want and comfortable with.

These advantages of internet make children's learning without hard ship. These make their time in researching easier for their school projects and home works through retrieving information online.

They can also buy whatever books those are not available in their local libraries. Learning is not difficult for them. Internet had already made it possible for them.

There are many expert people on different fields that can assist the learning of the children. This makes easier than walking through aisle per aisle to look for the books they will be a need on their education.