

## **Internet, Mobile Phones, and Texting Safety Tips for Kids**

- **Do not** post personal information online (name, age, birth date, address, telephone number, or school name). This information can be used by others to find out where you and your family live.
- **Do not** post your picture or pictures of your family online – they can be copied or changed or used to find you.
- **Do not** send any inappropriate photo or message by email or text.
- **Do not** post your plans and activities in a chat room or on your personal website. Do not post entries that make it clear that no one is at your home.
- **Do not** communicate with someone who has made you uncomfortable or afraid. Tell your parents or a trusted adult if someone does.
- **Do not** join online groups or games without talking to your parents.
- **Do not** meet with someone you met online without first telling your parents or guardian.
- **Do not** post hurtful or inappropriate messages. If someone else posts hurtful or inappropriate messages -- do not respond, but do tell a teacher, parent or other adult.
- **Do not** click on any link that you do not know, and you are not sure is legitimate.
- **Do not** buy any “apps” or “in app” purchases without talking to your parents or guardian.
- **Do not** enable any location services without talking to your parents or guardian.
- **Do** remember that people can lie online and say they are something they are not. Someone who says they are a 12-year-old girl could really be an older man looking to harm you.
- **Do** save messages that upset you and show them to your parents.
- **Do** share your password with your parents.
- **Do** visit [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) to learn more about Internet safety.