

Rules for the Internet

- 1. Never give out any personal information on the Internet.** Personal information leads back to a person...YOU, which can be very dangerous.
- 2. Don't lie.** You should never lie about who you are on the Internet. If you feel like saying something that isn't true, don't say anything at all. Sites that have age restrictions are trying to keep kids safe online. Never lie about your age online.
- 3. Never meet an online "friend" in person.** You should never agree to a face to face get together with someone you "met" online. People do not always tell the truth about who they are online and you may not be meeting the person you think you are.
- 4. No bad language.** The way that you talk online can change what people think about you. If you would not say it face to face, don't say it in cyberspace.
- 5. Limit time spent online.** Time spent on the Internet can be lots of fun and you can see lots of interesting things, but the time that you spend online should not be a replacement for other real-world activities.
- 6. If something goes wrong, tell an adult, right away.** If an inappropriate site comes up by accident, or if you get a message that makes you uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult right away. Parents and teachers want you to be safe online and if you run into a problem, they can help you figure out how to fix it. If you are ever not sure what to do, ask an adult.

Print these rules and post them in a common area of you home, right next to the computer.