

## What Can I Do Today?

1. NEVER give out personal information like your last name, address, or school.
2. NEVER give out passwords for your email or other online accounts.
3. Surf with your parents! It's a great way to teach them about computers and maybe you'll learn something new too!
4. You're in control! If you feel uncomfortable in a chat room — leave.



Safe Surfing on the Internet is  
Everyone's Responsibility!

### Acronyms and Terms For the Internet:

Bulletin Board - Electronic message center.  
Chat-Online Instant Messaging either in groups or one on one.  
Cybertime-Family time on computer.  
E-Mail - Electronic Mail Messages  
ISP - Internet Service Provider  
Instant Messaging—Real time messaging one to one.  
Newsgroups-Electronic Forum/Discussion group. Posted messages viewed with a news-reader.

### Links & Resources:

[www.netmom.com](http://www.netmom.com)  
[www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com)  
[www.ala.org/greatsites](http://www.ala.org/greatsites)  
[www.netmom.com](http://www.netmom.com)  
[www.surfnetkids.com](http://www.surfnetkids.com)  
[www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)



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## Safe Surfing on the Internet For Kids & Teens

▶ A Guide for Kids  
& Teens from the  
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# ▶ The World is in Your Hands...

The Internet gives us instant access to all kinds of information for school, games to play and other fun stuff, like email and chat. It is a "web" of computers connected all over the world. It also means that we are in contact with a world full of people we don't know. Your parents have probably told you not to talk to "strangers." Just as you wouldn't tell a stranger on the street all your personal information, you have to stay safe on the Internet. There is no way to know who you are chatting with. Staying safe means that you don't tell people your last name, school name, address or passwords for any of your accounts like chat, instant messaging and email.



**The Internet is a global network.**

## Surf the Safe Sites

One way to stay safe is to stick with places that are made for kids and teens. There are plenty of safe sites to explore and have fun. Being safe doesn't mean boring! There are lots of online games and kid-friendly chat rooms where you can hang out with your friends or meet new friends from around the globe.



**Have Fun; Surf Safe.**

Some great places to visit and find cool sites:

[www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com)—You can find jokes, games and homework help!

[www.kidsites.com](http://www.kidsites.com)—A complete listing of kid sites for fun and homework help.

[www.ala.org/greatsites](http://www.ala.org/greatsites)— Another place to find cool sites for kids from the American Library Association.

[www.netmom.com](http://www.netmom.com)—She picks out games, articles and other fun stuff for kids on the Net. If it's NetMom Approved, your parents will approve too!



**Share all the cool stuff you find on the Net with your parents.**

[www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)— The US Government has a site just for **you!** Find out about arts, careers, history, space, health, and so much more!

Remember responsibility and respect always in real life and online... *Happy Surfing!*



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