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# GRADES K-8 STUDENT TIP CARD

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In a world driven by technology, students are exposed to electronics and the Internet earlier in life than ever before. From gaming consoles to their own smart phones and tablets, kids have access to multitudes of information but also to numerous risks from online threats. By learning safe online habits now, students can make smarter online decisions and teach their friends or parents how to be safer digital citizens for the rest of their lives.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- **53 percent** of parents say they have used parental controls to prevent their child from having access to certain types of online content.<sup>1</sup>
- Most parents say their child has access to a cell phone [**88 percent**] or tablet [**81 percent**].<sup>2</sup>

## SIMPLE TIPS

- Trust your feelings. If something doesn't feel right when you are online, stop what you're doing.
- Think before you click. Don't open emails or download attachments from strangers.
- Talk to a parent, teacher, or trusted adult if something makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Keep your personal information private; avoid sharing your name, address, telephone number, and the name of your school when using the Internet or any apps.
- Just like in real life, treat others like you want to be treated online. Do not bully or say/post things online that could hurt other's feelings or get you in trouble.
- Remember to protect your cell phone and tablet. Use a PIN or password to lock the devices. The same tips for being safer online apply when you access the Internet from any device, like smart phones, video game consoles, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Family Online Safety Institute "Parenting in the Digital Age Report", 2014

<sup>2</sup> Ibid



## RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

### [NetSmartzKids.org](http://NetSmartzKids.org)

Clicky, a yellow robot, along with brother-and-sister team Nettie and Webster teach kids what to watch out for online in this interactive website with videos and games.

### [iKeepSafe.org](http://iKeepSafe.org)

Faux Paw, the Websurfing Techno Cat, is always on an adventure. Read about her trip to Beijing or her experiences with the dangerous download.

### [NSTeens.org](http://NSTeens.org)

Real-life stories, games, and comics that explore potential online dangers and how to avoid them.

### [iSafe.org](http://iSafe.org)

Become an iMentor and promote cyber safety awareness in your home, school, and community.

## IF SOMETHING HAPPENS ONLINE

- Turn off the computer monitor.
- Tell a parent, guardian, teacher, or adult you trust.

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Stop.Think.Connect.™ is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. The Campaign's main objective is to help you become more aware of growing cyber threats and arm you with the tools to protect yourself, your family, and your community. For more information visit [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect).



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