As a parent you have a responsibility to educate yourself in this area. We suggest you Google: web slang.

AAK—Alive And Kicking   AAR—At Any Rate

AAS—Alive And Smiling   ADN—Any Day Now

AFAIK—As Far As I Know AFK—Away From the Keyboard

AFN—That's All For Now   AOTA—All Of The Above

a/s/l or asl Age/Sex/Location (used to ask a chatter their personal information)

BAK—Back At Keyboard (I'm back)   BBL—Be Back Later

BCNU—I'll Be Seeing You BRB—Be Right Back

btw—BeTWeen you and me   CUOL—See You On Line

DIKU—Do I Know You?   F2F—Face To Face

FITB—Fill In The Blank   FUD—Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt

g/f Girlfriend (also shown as gf, or GF)   GGOH—Gotta Get Outta Here

H&K—Hugs and Kisses   KIT—Keep In Touch

LOL—Laughing Out Loud OL—the Old Lady OM—the Old Man

OTH Off The Hook: Something is really popular, or hot

P911—My parents are in the room.   P=Parents, and 911=emergency; in other words, either drop the subject or watch the language.

POS—Parents are looking Over my Shoulder

POTS—Parents Over The Shoulder - (My parents are watching; I can't really talk)

rl or RL Real Life (as opposed to being online) RSN—Real Soon Now

SPST—Same Place, Same Time SYL—See You Later

TNT—'Til Next Time TTTT—These Things Take Time

TTYL—Talk To You Later TYT—Take Your Time

WFM—Works For Me   WTGP? - Want To Go Private? (move to a private chat room)

YBS—You'll Be Sorry YL—Young Lady

YM—Young Man YW—You're Welcome

Good Resources

http://www.netsmartz.org

http://www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying

http://www.isafe.org

http://wiredsafety.org

http://www.GetNetWise.org

http://safely.yahoo.com

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Internet Safety is Important!

Everyone should be reinforcing internet safety! Every parent should be talking about internet safety, and every student should be committed to practicing internet safety! It's important. Your child's life my depend on it!

Tips for Students

1. Use only your first name . Do not give out your personal information or address or send pictures.

2. Never agree to meet someone you "met" online.

3. Don't believe everything you read. The person you think is a girl your age may be an older man.

4. If you become uncomfortable with anything you see or read online tell your parents or teacher.

5. Do not tell anyone your account password!!!

Tips for Parents

1. Place your computer in the most public room in your home.

2. Make ground rules for your child's internet usage.

3. Spend time using the internet with your child and encourage children to share sites they find online.

4. Tell your child not to ever give out personal information without your permission.

5. Make sure you are present if your child wants to met someone they met online.

6. Tell your child not to respond to messages that may make them feel uncomfortable.

7. Inform your internet service provider of any inappropriate uses of the Internet found by your or your child.

8. Know what parental controls, (i.e. filters), can and cannot do and how they work.

Internet Manners

- Respect the privacy of others.

- Use the subject field in all e-mails.

- Don't type in all UPPERCASE. It's like shouting.

- Don't forward chain letters.

- E-mail is not private, use it as if your grandmother might see it.

- Don't copy things and pretend that they are yours.

- Don't illegally copy music or computer programs. It's stealing.

- Don't try to break into other computers. It's a crime!

- Always practice "*The Golden Rule*" online!

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