

# Resources for Safe Computer Use and Understanding Social Networking

## **Children and Social Media**

These articles look at how parents, teachers, and kids are navigating the changing world of social media at home and in school.

<http://mindshift.kqed.org/feature/children-and-social-media/>

**ParentFurther** is a website that provides practical, everyday parenting tips and helpful advice for difficult situations. The site offers resources that help with teaching kids positive values, setting clear boundaries and enforcing reasonable consequences.

[www.parentfurther.com/why](http://www.parentfurther.com/why)

**GetNetWise** is a public service sponsored by Internet industry corporations and public interest organizations to help ensure that Internet users have safe, constructive, and educational or entertaining online experiences. The GetNetWise coalition works to provide Internet users with the resources they need to make informed decisions about their and their family's use of the Internet.

[www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org)

**Internet Keep Safe Coalition** (iKeepSafe.org) is a coalition of 49 governors/first spouses, law enforcement, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other associations dedicated to helping parents, educators, and caregivers by providing tools and guidelines to promote safe Internet and technology use among children.

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

**Staysafe** is an educational site intended to help consumers understand both the positive aspects of the Internet as well as how to manage a variety of safety and security issues that exist online.

[www.staysafe.org](http://www.staysafe.org)

**Wired Safety** is an Internet safety and help group. WiredSafety.org provides education, assistance, and awareness on cybercrime and abuse, privacy, security, and responsible technology use. It is also the parent group of Teenangels.org, FBI-trained teens and preteens who promote Internet safety.

[www.wiredsafety.org](http://www.wiredsafety.org)

**OnGuardOnline.gov** provides practical tips from the federal government and the technology industry to help you be on guard against Internet fraud, secure your computer, and protect your personal information. The site lists a variety of resources to avoid scams, secure your computer, and protect kids online.

<http://onguardonline.gov/>

**Common Sense Media** is dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in a world of media and technology.

<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

**Social Networking for Parents In Plain English** includes short videos to explain what social networking is to parents who are not familiar with the process or the lingo.

<http://www.intellicorpintouch.com/social-networking-for-parents.aspx>

**How to Make Your Social Networking More Private** is a link that includes videos of how to change the preferences in some social networking sites. It also gives advice to parents on safe social networking.

<http://kids.getnetwise.org/safetyguide/technology/socialnetworking>

**NetSmartz** is an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children<sup>®</sup> that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on and offline. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. With resources such as videos, games, activity cards, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates.

<http://www.netsmartz.org>

**ConnectSafely** is a forum for parents, teens and educators designed to give teens and parents a voice in the public discussion about youth online safety. It has tips, as well as other resources, for safe blogging and social networking.

[www.connectsafely.org](http://www.connectsafely.org)

**Cyberbully411** provides resources and opportunities for discussion and sharing for youth and their parents who have questions about or may have been targeted by online harassment. The website was created by the non-profit Internet Solutions for Kids, Inc., with funding from the Community Technology Foundation of California.

[www.cyberbully411.org](http://www.cyberbully411.org)

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