

# ***SUPER*** ***CYBER SAFETY GUIDE***

You don't need a super hero to help you stay safe on the Internet! Just follow these cyber safety tips!

Never share your passwords with anyone other than your parents. This even includes your best friend, brother, dog, or even Superman!



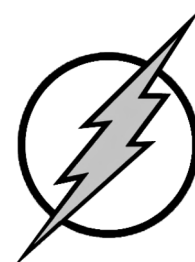
There are evil villains lurking on the Internet. While strangers you interact with on the Internet may appear to be kind - that could just be a disguise! Don't share personal information about yourself, your family, or your friends with strangers on the Internet. Ask your parents or guardians before giving out information like your real name, birthday, address, phone number, or other private information.



Be kind when you're surfing the Internet! Treat others the way you'd like to be treated. Don't be a super villain by posting negative comments or starting arguments for no reason. Don't say bad things about others - nobody likes a cyber-bully! Use your powers for good - not bad!



Be careful clicking links and ads! Sometimes they might infect your computer with a virus. Other times, they may try to collect personal information from you. Some ads might try to trick you by offering something for free. Get away from a website faster than The Flash if you receive multiple pop-up windows at once.



It's easy to take something on the Internet. Don't steal other people's work and claim it as your own (writings, pictures, videos - or anything else!).

It's easy for crooks to steal movies or songs using easy-to-find torrent websites. Don't make Batman track you down - this is theft, just like walking into a store and stealing a DVD. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Be careful what you put on the Internet. Things you post to social media, websites you create, even comments you leave on discussion boards - they never go away! Even if you delete something, there are sites (like [archive.org](http://archive.org)) that keep copies of everything on the Internet.

Posting inappropriate things to the Internet might prevent you from being accepted to the college you want to go to - or even stop you from getting a job one day! Be careful of your "digital footprint" so people only find good things about you when they search for your name!



Even Spiderman has to be careful when jumping around the web! No matter what you do on the Internet, it can be traced back to you. This includes posts you make that you think your name isn't attached to. It includes downloading bootleg movies or music. It even includes emails you send! Always remember that whatever you do on the Internet can be traced back to you.

Don't believe everything you read (or watch or hear) on the Internet! It's easy for anyone to post something that may or may not be true. Check multiple reliable websites to verify that information you've seen online is true. For example, if you read an outlandish news story on a blog, check other well-known news websites to verify the story is true.



If you come across something or someone that makes you uncomfortable online, tell your parents/guardians, a teacher, or another adult you feel comfortable talking to. There are lots of pitfalls on the Internet and hopefully you'll avoid them. But don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it!

For more information about cyber safety, visit...



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