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Promoting a Safe Environment

Internet Resource Safety Guide

Be Net Safe of New Hampshire

This New Hampshire-based organization provides free Internet safety programs and information to schools and other organizations.

www.benetsafe.org

Connect With Your Kids

This website, sponsored by the New Hampshire Department of Justice, features Internet safety brochures for parents and children.

www.connectwithyourkids.org

CyberTipline

The CyberTipline is a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made 24-hours per day, 7 days per week online or by calling 1-800-843-5678. www.cybertipline.com

Instant Message Acronyms

This brief but useful guide provides definitions for commonly used Instant Message acronyms, slang, and abbreviations. www.imacronyms.com

i-SAFE

i-SAFE is a non-profit foundation dedicated to protecting the online experiences of youth everywhere. The website incorporates classroom curriculum with community outreach to empower students, teachers, parents, law enforcement, and concerned adults to make the Internet a safer place. www.isafe.org

Instant Messaging Acronyms

W hat do all of those letters mean when my child text messages her friends? The following abbreviations are commonly used when people talk on AIM, Yahoo, MSN, Google or other instant messaging (IM) clients. For a full list of IM acronyms visit:

www.imacronyms.com

ASL or A/S/L

Age/Sex/Location

BRB

Be right back

GG

Gotta Go

HTH

Hope this helps

NBD

No big deal

OMW

On my way

POS

Parent(s) over shoulder

QT

Cutie

SYS

See you soon

SYL

See you later

WKD

Weekend

YT?

You there?

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Co-founded by the parents of Adam Walsh, the NCMEC is a clearinghouse for information regarding missing children, and its website includes information about the prevention of child abduction and child sexual exploitation. The website includes a downloadable booklet entitled, "Keeping Kids Safer on the Internet: Tips for Parents and Guardians." It also includes links to "Don't Believe the Type," a website for teens focusing on online safety, and "Help Delete Online Predators," an informational website for parents.

www.missingkids.com

NetSmartz

NetSmartz is a website dedicated to providing internet education to adults and children. The site has separate areas for parents, educators, law enforcement professionals, teens, and children. The children's section includes interactive games that teach internet safety, while the teen section features videos of real-life stories on topics such as cyber-bullying. Other areas of interest include tips for protecting your child online, information about video gaming, and printable lesson plans. www.netsmartz.org

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