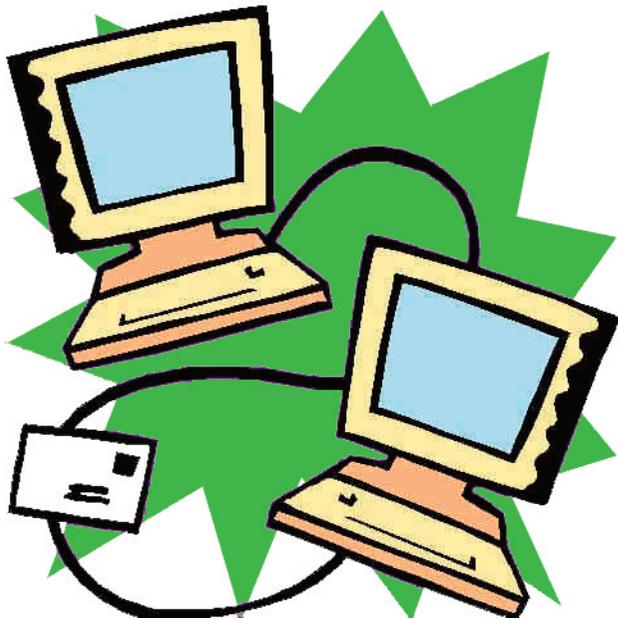


## World Wide Web

*The Internet is a great tool we can use to learn. We can look up facts and figures. We can do research on almost any topic. It doesn't matter what day, what time or what the weather is doing! We have information right at our fingertips! Surfing the web is so cool that everyone is getting into it. Not everyone uses the Internet for good things. Some use the Internet to hide who they really are. There are some bad guys out there, so just like with any tool there are safety rules that can help keep us safe. Staying safe is cool at any age!*



## Use These Tips

Only go to websites that your parents say are ok. If you find a site that you would like to visit but it isn't on your list then ask a parent about it.

Keep your name, address, phone number, school and team names to yourself. Strangers can use this information to find out where you live. Come up with a fun online name to use. It can be anything as long as it doesn't give away your identity. Think of yourself as a secret agent and protect your identity.



Never post a picture of yourself online without a parent's approval. Don't post pictures of yourself in school shirts or team uniforms.



Never go into chat rooms unless your parent says it is ok. Then make sure you have a code word to use with friends to verify they are really who you think they are. Never agree to meet someone in person or face to face that you met online without asking your parent.

Don't open e-mails from people that you don't know. Delete them. Never open emailed links for sites that



you don't recognize. These could be spam and they might contain a virus that could ruin your computer.

Never send a mean, threatening or insulting email to anyone and don't respond or forward any that are sent to you. Never pretend to be someone else or post information about another person



online without their consent. It would be a crime.

Tell a parent or trusted adult if you see or receive anything online that makes you uncomfortable. Don't hide it. Remember your parents want to keep you safe and they need your help. You can be a trustworthy online citizen.



# Online Harassment

## **SECTION 1. Chapter 33, Penal Code SEC.33.07. ONLINE HARASSMENT.**

**(a)** A person commits an offense if the person uses the name or persona of another person to create a web page on or to post one or more messages on a commercial social networking site:

- (1) without obtaining the other person's consent; and
- (2) with the intent to harm, defraud, intimidate, or threaten any person.

**(b)** A person commits an offense if the person sends an electronic mail, instant message, text message, or similar communication that references a name, domain address, phone number, or other item of identifying information belonging to any person:

- (1) without obtaining the other person's consent;
- (2) with the intent to cause a recipient of the communication to reasonably believe that the other person authorized or transmitted the communication; and
- (3) with the intent to harm or defraud any person.

**(c)** An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the third degree. An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor, except that the offense is a felony of the third degree if the actor commits the offense with the intent to solicit a response by emergency personnel.

**(d)** If conduct that constitutes an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

**(e)** It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the actor is any of the following entities or that the actor's conduct consisted solely of action taken as an employee of any of the following entities:

- (1) a commercial social networking site;
- (2) an Internet service provider;
- (3) an interactive computer service, as defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 230;
- (4) a telecommunications provider, as defined by Section 51.002, Utilities Code; or
- (5) a video service provider or cable service provider, defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code.

**(f)** In this section:

- (1) "Commercial social networking site" means any business, organization, or other similar entity operating a website that permits persons to become registered users for the purpose of establishing personal relationships with other users through direct or real-time communication with others or the creation of web pages or profiles available to the public or to other users. The term does not include an electronic mail program or a message board program.

- (2) "Identify information" has the meaning assigned by Section 32.51.

Section 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.



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## Internet Safety Tips for Kids

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