

Family Internet Safety Contract

The following Family Internet Safety Contract was created by Donna Rice Hughes, president of ProtectKids.com. Read this with your children; make sure they understand it and sign it together.

1. I will not give anyone or any website on the Internet my name, address, telephone number, password, my parents' names, the name of any club or team I'm involved in, or the name of my school without my parents' permission. I will keep this rule when I am on-line, including Chat Rooms, instant messages, E-Mail, websites, entering contests, and registering for on-line clubs.
2. I will never fill out questionnaires or any forms on-line without Mom and/or Dad's permission.
3. I will never tell anyone on-line where I will be or what I will be doing without Mom and/or Dad's permission.
4. I will not enter a Chat Room without my parent's direct supervision. I will remember that some people I meet in Chat Rooms may not really be kids.
5. Sometimes dangerous adults pretend to be kids in Chat Rooms.
6. I will not meet in person anyone that I've met on-line unless my parent has agreed and will go with me to meet with them in a public place.
7. I will only use instant messaging with people on my buddy list that my parents have approved.
8. I will treat others on-line as I would have them treat me. I will never send out mean or threatening messages nor will I respond to any such messages that are sent to me.
9. I will not open or accept E-Mails, enclosures, links, URL's or other information from people I do not know.
10. I will report to my parents any E-Mail, Chat Room conversations, instant messages or websites that make me feel uncomfortable like X-rated E-Mail, images or files. It is not my fault if I see something bad accidentally. If I do see something inappropriate, I will log off or turn off my computer. I will then tell my parents what happened as soon as possible.
11. I will not go on-line over (the amount of time) per week, as set by my parents.

12. I will never go into a new on-line area that is going to cost additional money without first getting Mom and/or Dad's permission.
13. I will never buy or order products on-line or give out any credit card information on-line without Mom and/or Dad's permission.
14. I understand that some people on-line try to befriend kids who aren't getting along with their parents or are having a hard time in other areas of their lives.
15. I understand that private family matters should not be discussed on-line. Instead, I should talk about them with a trusted adult.
16. I understand that my parents may supervise my time on-line and may use a filtering service. This is because they love me and want to ensure my safety!
17. I will not go on-line at a friend's house without my parent's permission.
18. I understand that Internet use is a privilege, not a right. I will follow my family's Internet safety contract in my home and when I am on-line outside of my own home.

Child's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Date