



## Techno Tips for Youth Online

1. Be careful not to post personal information such as name, age, address, telephone number, family names, and school name/address
2. Don't share your account passwords with ANYONE (except your parent or guardian). This is a part of your identity that you can control.
3. Other people online may or may not be who they say they are. Be wary of strangers online and in person.
4. Choose a screen-name or account name that doesn't identify you as male or female, young or old, or gives a wrong impression.
5. Protect your identity online but don't lie about your information. It's better not to give out profile information than pretending to be something or someone else.
6. If you receive mean, offensive, threatening, or unwanted E-mail, Instant Messages, Chats, or website postings, do not respond or retaliate. Remember the three "Rs"... Don't **R**espond, Don't **R**eact, Just **R**eport!
7. Not everything on the Internet is true. Always be a "Critical Thinker" when reading and viewing information online.
8. Don't trust links in emails! Do not click on links in emails. Instead, copy and paste into a new window or go to the place's homepage first.
9. Be sure to keep your computer up-to-date with virus protection, adware and spamware protection, and reliable firewall protection.
10. Think before you post. What you post online today can linger for a very long time, even after you delete it!