

Celebrate internet safety week

April 27–May 1



Internet Safety Week kicks off April 27, and it's a great time to pull up a couple of chairs and spend some quality screen time with your child. One of the best ways to make sure your kids are staying safe online is to become familiar with the sites they visit. Here are five fun activities you can do together that will give you a great opportunity to talk about Internet safety with your child.

1. Take a guided tour.

Invite your child to show you around the places she likes to visit online. Most kids love to show their parents around new places—even virtual ones!

2. Play a game.

Ask your child to teach you an online game, then challenge him to a match. You'll be amazed by the skill you'll need to keep up with your child. You'll have fun, and it will allow you to help your child deal with any inappropriate behavior by other players.

3. Go searching.

Come up with a list of random items and information to collect for an online scavenger hunt (a photo of an orange cat; a recipe for chocolate chip muffins; an online metric calculator; the distance between the sun and Earth). Use a kid-friendly search engine like OneKey (www.onekey.com) or Yahoo Kids (www.yahookids.com).

4. Travel the globe.

Challenge your child to find locations on a map site such as Google Maps. Younger children will enjoy identifying famous landmarks like the Statue of Liberty and the Grand Canyon, as well as finding their own neighborhood. Older children will enjoy the challenge of navigating satellite images of the earth and street-level views to find the places you name.

5. Watch videos together.

Go on a video-sharing site and ask your child to show you clips of his favorite performing artists. Search for your favorite bands when you were your child's age and share those videos with him. You may even find that you like one another's music!

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