Parent Tips

- Establish privileges and consequences before giving your child a cell phone, tablet or computer.
- What time do internet enabled devices shut down.
- Charge all devices in parent’s room.
- Put cell phones away during homework time.
- Most major cell phone carriers have parental controls.
Parent Tips

• Set all social media accounts to private.
• Know which apps and websites your children visit.
• Review text messages.
• Review contacts and “friend” lists.
• Ask your child about “friends” you don’t know.
• Check browser history often.
• Remind your kids not to have inappropriate conversations i.e., sexting, hate speech, violence, threats, drugs and alcohol, etc…
• Use filtering and monitoring software.
Report to CyberTipline

- Anyone sends a child photos or videos containing obscene content.
- Anyone speaks to a child in a sexual manner.
- Anyone asks a child to meet in person.

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Teaching Children to be Safe on the Internet

Parents’ Responsibilities:

1. Listen / talk to your kids about the Internet.
   - What do they do on the computer? On their cell phones?
   - Who do they talk to online?
   - When are they getting online?

2. Set Internet usage rules (with your kids).
   - Who can they talk with?
   - What sites or types of sites are off limits?
   - When can they use the computer?
   - Where can they use the computer?
   - Why are these rules important?
   (Yes, they will complain about the rules!)

3. Listen / talk to your kids.
   - When should they talk to you?
   - What should they expect from you when they come talk to you?
Parents’ Responsibilities (Continued):

4. Teach your kids safe Internet habits.
   - What is pornography?
   - What is cyberbullying?
   - What sites or activities are dangerous?
   - What is inappropriate on Facebook?

5. Set specific consequences.
   - What happens if they break a rule?
   - Print the rules and have your kids sign it like a contract.

6. Listen / talk to your kids.
   - Yes again. And again.
     I can’t emphasize this enough.

7. Install filters and/or monitoring software on your computers.