



# Child Safety on The Internet

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The vast resources' of the Internet is at our fingertips, and that of our children. Computers and online services will be or already are an important part of children's lives at school, in community centers, at home, or at the local library -

**Without realizing it they can put themselves into a dangerous situation!**

Chances of being exposed to sexually explicit and/or violent material while surfing is a reality. Pedophiles sometimes pose as a caring individual to gain the trust of children and use that to arrange *face-to-face* meetings or to engage in inappropriate discussions. There's the risk that a child might encounter e-mail or bulletin board messages that are harassing, demeaning, or belligerent. Fraudulent activity does occur online - children and teenagers can and are easily enticed into sending money for some promised benefit or product. These are but a few reasons why children and teenagers need adult supervision and common sense advice to keep them safe while exploring and enjoying the Internet.

Listed below is Internet addresses that you can enter into your browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, etc.) to find tools and information to help you keep your child safe.

<http://www.cyberangels.org/>

<http://www.voicenet.com/~cranmer/censorship.html>

<http://www.cinti.net/pic/chldsfty.html>

<http://www.netnanny.com/>

[http://www.cyberpatrol.com/dyn\\_hm.htm](http://www.cyberpatrol.com/dyn_hm.htm)

Giving a child his/her own folder of Internet sites that are "safe" is another way of protecting your child.

Suggested "safe sites" for children:

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<http://www.surfmonkey.com/>

<http://www.worldvillage.com/>

<http://www.kidcity.net/kids.htm>

<http://www.dimworld.com/kids/>

<http://www.kidsurf.net/>

<http://www.lcl.lib.ne.us/Kidlinks.htm>

Suggested search engines for children:

<http://www.bess.net/>

<http://www.rcls.org/ksearch.htm>

To receive a list of 20 "kid safe" sites - send e-mailed request to:  
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