Internet Safety for Children

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Topics Discussed

- ☐ Advantages of the Internet
- ☐ MySpace.com
- ☐ Chat rooms
- ☐ Instant Messages
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Online Safety Rules

Advantages of the Internet

- ☐ Research tool
- ☐ Encyclopedia at fingertip
- ☐ Expand horizons
- ☐ Explore ideas and views
- ☐ Way to keep in touch with friends
- ☐ Way to meet new friends

MySpace.com

- Anyone can create an account
- No age limit
- No way to verify age given
- Disclose personal information
- Build "buddy" list
- No way for creator of the website to "police" the accounts

Chat Rooms

- ☐ Do not know who is on other end of computer
- ☐ Interacting with strangers
- ☐ Disclose personal information
- ☐ People may not be who they say they are

Instant Messages

- ☐ Private conversation
- ☐ Uncomfortable topics
- ☐ Perfect time to arrange meeting

E-mail

- ☐ Do not display on MySpace
- ☐ Only give out to those you trust
- ☐ Protect password
- ☐ Report uncomfortable emails

Online Safety Rules

- ☐ Do not give out personal information
  - ■ Address
  - ■ Telephone number
  - ■ Parents work information
  - ■ School information
- ☐ Tell parents of information that makes you uncomfortable
- ☐ Never agree to meet with anyone

Online Safety Rules…cont…

- ☐ Never send picture
- ☐ Know appropriate sites to visit
- ☐ Be aware of sites you might come across that are not appropriate
- ☐ Do not download or install software without parent's permission
- ☐ Use all aspects of the internet safely