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Talk with your children.

Find out how they use social networking sites and make sure they understand basic Internet safety guidelines.

Keep communication lines open.

Encourage your children to come to you if they encounter a problem online. Cultivate trust and communication. Nothing can replace you as their first line of defense.

Be reasonable.

Pulling the plug on your child's Internet activities is rarely a good first response to a problem. It's too easy for them to "go underground."

Centralize computer activities.

Consider requiring that all online activity take place in a shared area of the home.

Ask for access.

Request that your children share their online profiles with you. Be aware they can have multiple accounts on a single site.

RESOURCES

OHIO

Office of the Attorney General
www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CyberSafety
(800) 582-2877

Ohio Department of Education
www.ode.state.oh.us
(614) 995-1545

Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and
Conflict Management
www.disputeresolution.ohio.gov
(614) 752-9595

eBasedPrevention.org
www.ebasedprevention.org
(800) 788-7254

NATIONAL

Be Web Aware
www.bewebaware.ca

Web Wise Kids
www.webwisekids.org

iSafe
www.isafe.org

Wired Safety
www.wiredsafety.org



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