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Safe Internet Practices in School

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A home is a place where you are supposed to feel safe and secure. If your home has a computer connected to the Internet, be very careful about the information you share on-line. Sharing too much information about yourself could be like giving keys to your home to a stranger. Examples of personal information include the following:

Name or Nickname	Birthday
Age	Name/Address
Gender	Hobbies/Interests
Phone Number	

Pictures on the Internet

Pictures can reveal personal information. Children should never upload pictures without adult supervision. Adults need to filter the pictures and check for images that could possibly give information about the child's location. Avoid sharing pictures that include:

- team names
- jersey numbers
- school name or mascot

Be cautious of the screen names you choose to use. Screen names can reveal too much about a person. Look at the screen names below and see what mistakes were made when creating the screen name.

- H2Oskigirl
- Soccerboy
- LUVdogs92
- Mygirlzcheer
- Viking2u08

COFFEE TALK

Can you talk the talk? Here are a few examples of current chat lingo:

- ASLP:** Age, Sex, Location and Picture
- IRL:** In Real Life
- GF:** Girl Friend
- BF:** Boy Friend
- ADR or addy:** Address
- MorF:** Male or Female
- PAW:** Parents are Watching
- PAL:** Parents are Listening
- LMIRL:** Let's Meet in Real Life

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Roanoke County Internet Safety Resource
<http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/isafety/isafety.shtml>

Cyberdictionary
http://www.loveourchildrenusa.org/parent_cyberdictionary.php

Net Lingo
<http://www.netlingo.com>

Sharing Personal Information
<http://tcs.cybertipline.com/knowthedangers8.htm>