



Safety Related Links

Internet Safety

i-Safe

This is the website that CP uses as the basis for its Internet Safety Curriculum.
www.isafe.org

AOL

AOL provides a free, comprehensive safety and security suite for their users.
www.daol.aol.com/safetycenter

SafeKids

Lots of information and links for parents.
www.safekids.com

Netsmartz Workshop

Very similar to i-Safe, Netsmartz provides numerous resources to teach you and your children how to deal with Internet Safety.
www.netsmartz.org

Website Blockers

Contentprotect

ContentProtect Internet Filtering Software provides top-rated internet filtering and protection for homes & businesses.
www.contentprotect.com

Cybersitter

CYBERSitter 9.0 is designed primarily for home, educational and small business use.
www.cybersitter.com

Net Nanny

One of the first Internet safety providers, this program is still one of the best.
www.netnanny.com

Internet Safety and Your Family

You may have come across this in the news or in the newspaper: increased use of the internet among kids has made them the target of all sorts of internet predators. The online community can be both a wonderful learning experience but also a significant security threat for your family!

Threats to our children include cyber-bullying, identity theft and online sexual predators. Many kids are unaware that these threats are out there, and most kids would trust a stranger they meet online more than a stranger they meet on the street. With this in mind, we have to become even more vigilant about how our children interact with the outside world.

Parenting in the online world

Many parents don't realize that their children are at risk when they are online, especially at home. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, one in five children will be sexually solicited online. Some parents allow children to use their computer in their room, totally unattended. If your child uses the internet without your supervision, he or she may be a target for an on-line predator who may use tricks and persuasion to learn your child's name, address, and other personal information.

Internet safety at school

CP uses curriculum provided by i-Safe, a government-sponsored organization that provides information and teaches internet safety. We teach your children what to do and what not to do when online or Instant Messaging and how to identify potential unsafe conditions while online.

The i-Safe website provides information for kids, teachers, law enforcement and also for parents. You can view their video information modules at <http://ilearn.isafe.org/>.

Community Preparatory School uses a state-of-the-art filtering system that is linked with the high-speed internet access. The system filters requests from computer users when these could lead to visiting improper websites or sites where the user would be able to use email or instant messaging. The system is updated regularly and is administered by *806*, a professional filtering company.

What you can do

Knowledge is the best defense against the threats to your children. I would encourage you to visit the i-Safe website and to read up as much as you can. Please don't hesitate to call me, the Technology Coordinator at Community Preparatory School, or email me at: it@communityprep.org.

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About



i-SAFE is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to educate and empower youth to make their Internet experiences safe and responsible. The goal is to educate students on how to avoid dangerous, inappropriate, or unlawful online behavior. i-SAFE accomplishes this through dynamic K-12 curriculum and community outreach programs to parents, law enforcement, and community leaders.