



## Parenting Tips for Keeping Tweens & Teens Safe Online

- Ⓢ Have ongoing conversations with them about their use of connected technology – computers, cell phones, digital photos
- Ⓢ Talk to them about what makes someone an ‘online stranger’
- Ⓢ Respect their privacy, but reserve the right to check their online pages, ‘friends’, text messages and photos
- Ⓢ Talk with them about their “online digital reputation”
- Ⓢ Have conversations about their Social Networking activities, including gaming
- Ⓢ Talk to them about cyber-bullying
- Ⓢ Maintain and update age-appropriate parental controls
- Ⓢ Place reasonable and age-appropriate time limits on their online activities
- Ⓢ Take an interest in learning more about the positive aspects of what they are doing online
- Ⓢ Teach them about safe & legal ways to access music and movies online and provide ways they can purchase them
- Ⓢ Talk to them about the consequences of negative online behaviors
- Ⓢ Take their concerns about their own or others online activities seriously
- Ⓢ Model online behaviors you would like them to use

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