



K-8 STUDENT TIP CARD

DID YOU KNOW?

- Seventy-five percent of children are **willing to share personal information online about themselves and their family in exchange for goods and services.**¹
- In 2012, **26% of identity theft victims were between the ages of six and 10**, and identity theft has doubled in the past year for children age five and younger.²
- Child **identity thieves use their victims' Social Security Numbers** to open credit cards and secure auto loans, student loans, mortgages and business lines of credit.³
- Seventeen percent of children between the ages of 10 and 13 surveyed reported **receiving an email or online message with photos or words that made them feel uncomfortable.**⁴

SIMPLE TIPS

1. Trust your feelings. If something doesn't feel right when you are online, stop what you're doing.
2. Think before you click. Don't open emails or download attachments from strangers.
3. Talk to a parent, teacher or trusted adult if something makes you feel uncomfortable.
4. Keep your personal information private; avoid sharing your name, address, telephone number and the name of your school when using the Internet.
5. Just like in real life, treat others like you want to be treated online.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

NetSmartzKids.org

Clicky, a yellow robot, along with brother-and-sister team Nettie and Webster teach kids what to watch out for online in this interactive website with videos and games.

iKeepSafe.org

Faux Paw, the Websurfing Techno Cat, is always on an adventure. Read about her trip to Beijing or her experiences with the dangerous download.

1 SentryPC, "Children and Teen Statistics", eMarketer, www.sentrypc.com/home/statistics.htm

2 Child Identity Theft Report, 2012

3 Ibid.

4 www.guardchild.com/statistics/, 2013



NSTeens.org

Real-life stories, games and comics that explore potential online dangers and how to avoid them.

iSafe.org

Become an iMentor and promote cyber safety awareness in your home, school and community.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS ONLINE

- Turn off the computer monitor.
- Tell a parent, guardian, teacher or adult you trust.

Stop.Think.Connect.™ is a national public awareness campaign aimed at empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. The Campaign's main objective is to help you become more aware of growing cyber threats and arm you with the tools to protect yourself, your family and your community. For more information visit www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect.



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