

# Internet Safety Resources for Parents

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## INTERNET SAFETY WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

Name of Program	Description	Link for more information
NetSmartz	NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and offline. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. With resources such as videos, games, activity cards, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates. Our Goals are to: 1) Educate children on how to recognize potential Internet risks, 2) Engage children and adults in a two-way conversation about on- and offline risks, 3) Empower children to help prevent themselves from being exploited and to report victimization to a trusted adult	<a href="http://www.netsmartz.org">http://www.netsmartz.org</a>
Cyberbullying Research Center	The <b>Cyberbullying Research Center</b> is dedicated to providing up-to-date information about the nature, extent, causes, and consequences of cyberbullying among adolescents. This web site serves as a clearinghouse of information concerning the ways adolescents use and misuse technology. It is intended to be a resource for parents, educators, law enforcement officers, counselors, and others who work with youth. Here you will find facts, figures, and detailed stories from those who have been directly impacted by online aggression.	<a href="http://www.cyberbullying.us">http://www.cyberbullying.us</a>
WiredSafety	WiredSafety, "Is A 501(c)(3) Program and the largest online safety, education and help group in the world." Our goals are to: 1) provide help for online victims of cybercrime and harassment, 2) assist law enforcement worldwide on preventing and investigating cybercrimes, 3) provide education, 4) provide information on all aspects of online safety, privacy and security.	<a href="http://www.wiredsafety.org/parent.html">http://www.wiredsafety.org/parent.html</a>
iKeepSafe.org	The Internet Keep Safe Coalition Mission is to give parents, educators, and policymakers the information and tools which empower them to teach children the safe and healthy use of technology and the Internet. Their Vision is to see generations of the world's children grow up safely using technology and the Internet. iKeepSafe educational resources teach children of all ages in a fun, age-appropriate way, the basic rules of Internet safety, ethics, and the healthy use of connected technologies.	<a href="http://ikeepsafe.org/PRC/">http://ikeepsafe.org/PRC/</a>
GetNetWise	GetNetWise is a public service brought to you by Internet industry corporations and public interest organizations to help ensure that Internet users have safe, constructive, and educational or entertaining online experiences. The GetNetWise coalition wants Internet users to be just "one click away" from the resources they need to make informed decisions about their and their family's use of the Internet.	<a href="http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/">http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/</a>

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## COMPUTER MONITORING PROGRAMS

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K9 Web Protection - Free	<p><b>K9 Web Protection</b> is a free Internet filter and parental control software for your home Windows or Mac computer. K9 puts YOU in control of the Internet so you can protect your kids.</p> <p><b>K9 Features to protect your children:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web site blocking by category, including pornography, illegal drugs, personals/dating, violence/hate/racism</li> <li>• Easy pre-set levels to choose from depending on the age of your children</li> <li>• SafeSearch enabled on all search engines to show cleaner search results</li> <li>• Time restrictions, including NightGuard(tm), to disallow internet access during designated times</li> <li>• Custom "always allow" and "always block" lists for your personal preferences</li> <li>• Ability to override a block with the parent password</li> <li>• Tamper resistant for more savvy kids</li> <li>• Reports showing activity to categories of web sites</li> <li>• Real-time categorization of new web sites</li> <li>• Compatible with Windows or Mac machines</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www1.k9webprotection.com/">http://www1.k9webprotection.com/</a>
Bsecure Online v6.16 - \$49.95 - \$69.95	Wholly web-based configuration and reporting. Accountability option for parents who need self-control. Flexible content filtering. Blocks filter-breaking proxy utilities. Limits access to games and TV/video based on ratings. Can schedule Internet access, monitor IM and social networking. Parental alerts via e-mail or SMS. Option to filter entire network.	<a href="http://www.bsecure.com/">http://www.bsecure.com/</a>
Net Nanny 6.5 - \$39.99	Real-time content analysis distinguishes good and bad Web pages within a site. Resists hacking. Masks obscenities on otherwise-safe pages. Flags dangerous IM conversations. Gets detailed info from social networking sites. ESRB-based game control. Detailed interactive activity reports, local, and remote. Full remote configuration.	<a href="http://www.netnanny.com">http://www.netnanny.com</a>
Safe Eyes 6.0 - \$49.95 - \$59.95	Can install on up to 3 Macs or PCs. Category-based Web filtering blocks HTTPS sites. Blocks inappropriate YouTube videos; blocks TV/movie clips based on ratings. IM and e-mail monitoring. Warns when kids post private information online. Parental notification via e-mail, phone, or text.	<a href="http://www.internetsafety.com/safe-eyes-parental-control-software.php">http://www.internetsafety.com/safe-eyes-parental-control-software.php</a>
Spector Pro 2009 - \$45.00 - \$90.00	Comprehensively logs all computer activity including Web surfing, IM, e-mail, and more. Logs all keystrokes, takes periodic snapshot. Internet time scheduling. Can view logs across the network.	<a href="http://www.spectorsoft.com/">http://www.spectorsoft.com/</a>

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## CELL PHONE MONITORING PROGRAMS

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My Mobile Watchdog	This program allows parents to view inbound and outbound messages, see who they are from/to, see picture messages, and identify "suspicious callers"/those not "approved" by the parents. The software can also allow parents to print full reports of this activity.	<a href="http://www.mymobilewatchdog.com">http://www.mymobilewatchdog.com</a>
MyKidIsSafe	One of the newer issues is MyKidIsSafe which allows parents to restrict times of use and block callers. It can also scan in and outbound picture messages for nudity, sending inappropriate ones to parents, and notify you if your child is in a speeding vehicle. All calls and messages can be blocked while driving and parents can be notified when unknown persons are contacting your child. The software provides a myriad of other parental control functions. \$9.95/month	<a href="http://www.mykidissafe.com">http://www.mykidissafe.com</a>
SMobile Security Shield Parental Control Edition	For around \$29.99 per year this subscription service allows parents to read any inbound or outbound text message and can be used on any web-enabled smartphone. Parents can also see a map giving the location of the phone at any given time, block messages from selected numbers, and set up automated alerts if messages sent or received contain particular words that aren't acceptable.	<a href="http://www.smparentalcontrols.com/">http://www.smparentalcontrols.com/</a>
TextGuard	This application is designed for Blackberry and Windows Mobile phones. For around \$11/month parents can read text messages, review the browsing history and call log on a kid's phone, block spam and specific numbers, filter using keywords, and remotely disable phones.	<a href="http://www.textguard.com/">http://www.textguard.com/</a>
Mobile Spy	As the name would imply this is a stealth program. It operates on Windows Mobile smartphones and records SMS and call information as well URLs visited. The user of the phone would be unable to delete data from the monitoring program. Users can subscribe quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The annual cost is \$99.97.	<a href="http://www.mobile-spy.com/">http://www.mobile-spy.com/</a>

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