

LESSON 7

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PROMPT:**

*I am a
responsible
Cyber Citizen
because...*

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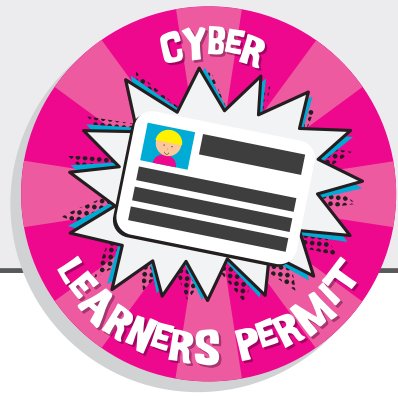


Cyber Citizen Learners Permit

NAME

BIRTHDAY

A PICTURE OF ME



Rules for the Cyber Highway

Rule #1

Chat rooms are not safe. Never accept an invitation to a chat room.

Rule #2

Always tell a Grown-Up Buddy if you find an unsafe website.

Rule #3

Never send pictures or personal information to anyone you don't know.

Now, you think of two Cyber Safety rules and write them in the lines below.

Rule #4

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Rule #5

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PARENT LETTER

TODAY'S LESSON: LESSON 7

In today's lesson your child learned the importance of making safe choices for safe Internet behavior. They were introduced to several unsafe situations and shown how to use their tools to make safe choices. The situations include an invitation to join a conversation in an online chat room. Chat rooms are never safe for children and the concept that children will really never know who they are chatting with is illustrated. Another situation in today's lesson deals with a cellphone search for a math game that ends with a disturbing image depicted on the screen. Your child saw how to handle such an occurrence using their tools, especially telling their Grown-Up Buddy. They also learned about how safety settings on their devices can help keep them safe from accidentally ending up on inappropriate websites. Your child saw what to do if they receive an unwanted text message that asks for personal information. Two ideas stressed in this lesson are that your children should never respond to someone they don't know with any personal information, and that they should never send a picture over Internet devices. An important message in this lesson is the idea that once a picture, personal information, email address and/or text message is put online or sent, it can never be retrieved. Your child earned their Cyber Learners Permit for learning the rules for good Cyber Citizenship!

PARENT CONNECTION:

Good Cyber Citizenship is important in the home. Extend Cyber Safety at home. What are the rules for use of Internet devices in your home? What are your safety settings? Talk with your child about what they should do if they find an inappropriate website or see an image that is upsetting. It is very important that you always know who is photographing your child and where those photographs are being posted. Your child needs to understand that once something is posted on the Internet, it is permanent.

Technology changes daily and new sites and apps are launched all the time, so it is vital that you consistently monitor your child's use of the computer, tablet, smartphone, etc. While it's important to respect your child's privacy, you have a responsibility as the owner and account holder of those devices to monitor the uses and activity of them. Children should understand that it is a privilege to use these devices.

TIPS TO FURTHER TODAY'S LESSON:

A child's Guiding Voice was a strategy for staying safe in this lesson. Guiding Voice is the little voice inside your child that helps them decide if a situation is safe or unsafe. Encourage your child to pay attention to what their Guiding Voice says in any situation.

