

# BE A CYBER-SAFE SCOUT

Find out how you can stay safe online with these important tips!

## BE SMART AND ALERT AT ALL TIMES

Know the risks! The internet can be a great place to learn and interact, but be careful! Opening files or messages from people you don't know can lead to malware or a virus on your computer.



## NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Keep safe by not giving out your full name, age, school, address or phone number to a person you are chatting with online. If a website or gaming site asks for this info, make it up or go to another site.

## USE A STRONG PASSWORD – AND DON'T SHARE IT WITH ANYONE!

A strong password has a mix of numbers and capital letters, like "sC0ut3r\_0112". It's a good idea to change it from time to time, too.



## TAKE THE HIGH ROAD

If someone is asking you to do something you feel uncomfortable with or being nasty to you online, it's best to just block that person. Tell someone you trust about the problem. If you want to talk about things privately, you can call Kids Help Phone.

**Troll:** a person who sows discord on the internet by starting arguments or upsetting people, by posting inflammatory, extraneous, or off-topic messages in an online community with the deliberate intent of provoking readers into an emotional response or of otherwise disrupting normal on-topic discussion, often for their own amusement. (Wikipedia)

## DECLINE MONEY AND GIFTS

If a person is offering you something, tell an adult right away! If it's a pop-up ad, close it by hitting the X at the top. If this doesn't work, close your browser.



## MEETING UP? BRING AN ADULT.

Meeting someone in person can be dangerous. You should always tell a parent when someone has asked you to meet.

## GO OFFLINE

It's a good idea to set a time limit and avoid spending too much time on the internet. Try to make the time you spend online quality time instead of just surfing. Always remember to log off when you finish your internet session.



**DID YOU KNOW... ?** Everything you do online leaves a mark. This mark is called your digital footprint, and it can be seen by anyone. The digital footprint you leave can last forever. Sometimes, things you say or do online can change how people look at you in the real world.