

A Suggested Internet Security Policy For Your Family

Locking up when leaving the home is the responsibility of everyone in the family, right? Develop the same rules for computer and Internet security, and make sure everyone who uses a computer in the home follows your home security rules.

Post everywhere you have a computer

1. We believe computer security is the business of everyone in this home. We keep our firewall, anti-virus, Spam blocker and spy-ware programs running and up to date.
2. We do not fight, swear or gossip in our email. We never respond to inflammatory, obscene or insulting emails.
3. We never swap software, games, or files, unless we're sure they don't contain viruses. We never download pictures, freeware, shareware or text from an unknown source or web sites we don't trust.
4. We never open email attachments from an unknown person or company.
5. We respect our friends' email privacy by deleting forwarded email addresses before sending these messages onward. We use the "Bcc" feature when sending messages from our address book to protect our contacts.
- 6 We never respond to Spam or junk mail.
7. We don't give out identifying information such as our name, address, school, phone number or other personal information.
8. We do not post personal pictures on the Internet of ourselves or other people or send photos of ourselves or credit card numbers through email.
9. We don't shop at web sites that don't respect our security and privacy.
10. We always use passwords, don't tell anyone our password and we change them often.
11. We understand that whatever information is revealed in chat rooms may or may not be the truth.
12. We make sure our computer and Internet security are always up-to-date.
13. We never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone we met on the Internet or in a chat room.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Users Signature _____

Date _____