

Talk to Your Family About INTERNET SAFETY



Have the tech talk with your kids to help them learn to be safe, confident explorers online. Talk through these scenarios, sign the pledge on the back of this page, and play Interland together!

- ◆ **You're playing your favorite online game** and someone messages you asking for your name and what school you go to. **What should you do?**
Discussion points Never answer a message from someone you don't know. Tell a parent if a stranger messages you asking for any personal information.
- ◆ **A pop-up message says you've won \$1,000.** You click it and it asks you to enter your name and address to receive it. **What should you do?**
Discussion points If something seems too good to be true, it's probably fake. Avoid scams like this by telling a family member. Never share your name and address.
- ◆ **You create a new password** and come up with *password123*.
Discussion points This is a weak password. A strong, secure password includes at least 8 characters—a mix of upper- and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
- ◆ **You're in a group chat with your friends** and someone responds to a comment you made with a "mean" emoji. **What should you do?**
Discussion points Don't respond with a mean comment. You should treat others the way you'd like to be treated both online and offline. Discuss why it can be difficult to tell if someone's tone is joking or serious online. Talk about spreading kindness and positivity instead of negativity.
- ◆ **You watch a video** that makes you uncomfortable. **What should you do?**
Discussion points Tell a parent or family member if you see something online that is inappropriate. Know that your home is a safe place to talk about anything that happens online. Depending on the content, your family may want to flag or report it to help make the internet better.

For more online safety tools and to play Interland, visit the Be Internet Awesome page for families at g.co/BeInternetAwesomeFamilies.