

FAMILY INTERNET SAFETY CONTRACT

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I, _____, do solemnly promise to:
(Name of Family Member)

BOUNDARIES

1. Only ever access the Internet for _____ minutes per day. The times I am allowed to access the Internet are between _____ and _____ AM/PM.
2. Never access the Internet at a friend's house or with friends at school (apart from in-class work on the computer) without my parent's permission, and I agree to not go over _____ of time per week on the Internet in these locations, as agreed to by my parents and I.
3. Not to create or keep passwords secret from my parents. I will write down any and all usernames and passwords for any application (e.g., MySpace, Email, Club Sites), and keep them in a place known by my parents. I understand that my parents will respect my privacy by not obsessively snooping on me. My Parents may supervise my activities online from time to time by using 'filtering' or 'accountability' services. I agree for my parents to read my emails, blogs, SMS, and instant message chat records because they love me and want to ensure my safety, and I understand that they will not do it behind my back, but will openly inform me each time they desire to view my online activities. I understand that the Internet is a public place and that there is nothing private about it. If I wish to have privacy, I will instead choose to write a paper letter, or keep a hard copy journal or diary.
4. Never buy or order products online or give out any (mine or my parents) banking details (including account and Credit Card numbers) over the Internet, and will never upgrade or renew any service, feature or product that has already been paid for but now requires additional costs without my parents express permission.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

5. Never enter or provide my personal details (including my last name, home or email address, home or mobile telephone number, name of my school, my grade, or the name of any institution (club, church, team) I am involved in outside of school), or any of these same details about my friends, parents, or family members, to any person or website on the Internet, unless I have obtained express permission to do so by my parents. I understand that even by providing such details to a known and trusted person in a chat room, instant message board, websites, or online questionnaire, social networking site, or registration form, the information can be read or later accessed by a third unknown party or person who may misuse my personal details.
6. Only 'chat' with or 'instant message' people online that my parents have approved of. I will never accept a 'friend' or 'buddy' on my social networking account if I don't personally know them, or unless I have my parents express permission, and under no circumstances ever meet a person face-to-face that I've met online – unless (a) they are personally known to someone I trust, (b) I am authorized to do so in a public place by my parents, (c) and my parents have agreed to go and remain with me for the duration of the meeting.

ETHICAL ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

7. Never open or accept e-mails, enclosures, links, URL's or other information from people I do not know or that look like they may contain sexually graphic or offensive content. I agree to report to my parents any email, chat room conversations, instant messages or website visit (intentional or unintentional) that has contained sexually graphic or offensive material. I understand that so long as I tell my parents straight away, I will not get in trouble or have my Internet privileges restricted if I see something that they would consider inappropriate. If, however, I fail to tell my parents and they discover that I have seen sexually graphic or offensive content; consequences will apply (including the restriction of my internet privileges).
8. Never produce or post sexually graphic or offensive messages or material, which includes but is not restricted to, inappropriate comments or pictures (of myself or others), threatening messages, or any form of communication or behaviour that is intended to exclude someone I personally know (i.e. cyber-bullying). I will treat others online, as I would have them treat me. I will, therefore, never forward along any email, chat room conversation, instant message or website that contains sexually graphic or offensive content, nor will I reply or respond to any such messages that are sent to me.

CONSEQUENCES

9. Should I prove myself trustworthy by faithfully adhering to this Family Internet Safety Contract (as it applies to me both within and outside my home), the following positive consequences shall apply at the end of each month:

10. I understand gaining access to and using the Internet is a privilege for me, and therefore is not my right. If a breach this Family Internet Safety Contract in any way (as it applies to me both within and outside my home), the following negative consequences shall apply immediately:

Signature of Child: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____