

Parent Resources for Safe Internet/Social Media Use

There are many organizations that address issues of internet safety. Below are several that provide helpful resources and tools.

Common Sense Media

This nonprofit organization has great resources for parents on how to help your family use technology and media safely. Their Connecting Families program is designed to support and empower families in raising kids who think critically, participate responsibly, and behave ethically in their online lives.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/connecting-families/share>

From this link you can access:

- Digital glossary (list of apps and acronyms)
- Family media agreements
- Tip sheets, parent videos, and more

The common sense media blog has interesting articles.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog>

One that is useful for parents of high school students is:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/15-apps-and-websites-kids-are-heading-to-after-facebook>

NetSmartz

This is a website produced by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It has content designed specifically for parents as well as for teens.

The parent resources have tips and discussion starters on a variety of topics.

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

<http://www.netsmartz.org/TipSheets>

The real-life stories videos for teens may be useful to watch with your teen.

<http://www.netsmartz.org/RealLifeStories>

One that is useful for showing that there is no way to control photos sent online is:

<http://www.netsmartz.org/RealLifeStories/YourPhotoFate>

Google Safety Center

This website helps to explain google safety tools and provides advice on building good online habits. This site has useful advice about online safety, exploring with confidence and managing your online reputation.

<https://www.google.com/safetycenter/families/start/>

Their list of partners is a good resource for information on other organizations working on these issues.

<https://www.google.com/safetycenter/partners/>