



# DIGITAL SAFETY

## GRADES 5 AND 6

### DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Information you send electronically can easily be misused by others.  
Bottom line — **be careful what you share.**
- ★ It is easy to lose control of what happens to pictures taken from webcams, cell phones, and digital cameras — once they are sent or posted online, they are out there forever.  
Bottom line — **get permission from a parent/guardian before sending pictures.**
- ★ Good friends are careful not to spread personal information friends share with them, especially online or via texting.  
Bottom line — **good friends confide in each other when face-to-face.**
- ★ Passwords can be hijacked. Make your passwords hard to guess by mixing numbers, letters and characters. Make sure to keep passwords private.





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### That's a bit too personal! What do you think... Is this breaking boundaries? (Quiz)

**Q:** If someone online asks you questions that are sexual or seem too personal, is this breaking boundaries?

**A:** Yes, remember that information you send electronically can easily be misused by others, and sometimes telling one person could be like telling everyone.

**Q:** If an adult wants to chat with you like you are close friends, is this is breaking boundaries?

**A:** Yes, an adult's role is to protect kids. If an adult is behaving in this way, tell a safe adult in your life about it.

**Q:** If someone threatens to hurt you if you don't do something s/he wants, is this breaking boundaries?

**A:** Yes, and the law... it's **ILLEGAL** to threaten someone!

### I can't believe I saw that – YIKES!

★ Seeing an image or reading content online can leave an impression and there is a lot to see and learn from on the Internet.

★ Use your brain wisely — don't believe everything you see and read... a lot isn't true or real.

★ Remember that online, you will find the good, the bad and the ugly. Figure out what category information you are reading or viewing falls into before you decide whether to believe it.





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### Digital Wisdom

The Internet can be a lot of fun, but it is important to know how to stay safe:

- ★ There is a lot of great information online, but there is also a lot of information that is not meant for kids.
- ★ Make sure to keep your private information offline.
- ★ Make sure to keep your friends' private information offline.
- ★ Keep passwords private. Create passwords by combining letters, numbers and characters together.
- ★ Make sure you have permission from parents/guardians before chatting online. Stop chatting if you feel uncomfortable, and go talk to a safe adult.
- ★ Be careful with pictures you share online. Only post what you would show your family because once it's posted online it's out there for everyone to see!
- ★ Be responsible. You are creating a permanent digital footprint.

