

How to protect you're children ... online

1. Have open, honest discussions with your child about online safety and responsibility.
2. Put in place rules for being online. Teens should not be able to access the Internet, tablets, their cell phone, etc. during certain hours during the day.
 - That includes homework late at night... PERIOD!!!! Keep all Internet devices in a centralized location so that you know when your child is online.
3. Never give out personal information or send personal materials on the Internet. This includes address, cell phone numbers, name or location of their school, their current location, their parents' names or photographs.
4. Train your teen to always inform you when they come across anything that makes them uncomfortable. Come up with a code name for inappropriate content for younger children.
5. Teach your teen to never respond to messages or post that are sexually obscene, threatening or make the child uncomfortable in any way. Teach them that's it's okay to show you in order for you to teach them why this how not to speak to others (Use Code Name).
6. Teach them, under any circumstance, agree to meet face-to-face with a stranger that was met on-line.
 - Explain to them what an online stranger is.
 - Teach them to be suspicious of anyone they meet online and to tell you ASAP.

Building a relationship with your teen in the area on Social Media will open the door for communication. That means stay in tune with Emerging Technologies ... Facebook, Google Plus, Apple Products, Flickr, etc ... JOIN THEIR WORLD.