

Quick How-To: How To Explain The Importance Of Internet Safety to A Friend or Family Member

Who is this for?

This guide is for anyone wanting to help someone understand the importance of internet safety that's clear and respectful.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1: Explain Why and How to protect personal information

Explain the internet is full of many people, some are friends, most are strangers; a big portion are good people and a smaller number are criminals.

It's important to learn and practice ways to protect yourself and you're personal information online. If you are unsure about something or something feels off the best thing to do is stop all communication and quit and close any webpages that may be linked.

Step 2: Talk About Privacy and Passwords

Explain the importance of passwords. When creating a new password create one easily remembered but not easy enough for someone to guess.

Too EASY: First Name _____

Strong: Name of Favorite Band _____

Also mention keeping full names, home addresses, and banking information. Let them know to never give out log in information or passwords to anyone.

When making new accounts it is sometimes required to add a special character or number. When

Step 3: Spotting Scams or Tricks

How examples of pop-ups, fake messages, or links.

Teach them to ask for help before clicking on anything suspicious.

You Did It!

You have learned how to explain the importance of internet safety to a friend or family member.