INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

- **DO** spend <u>more</u> time with real life friends than virtual friends

- **DO** tell an adult if someone online harasses you or wants to talk about sex

- **DO** cut off contact with anyone who pressures you for your personal information (name, age, size, photo, address, family information)

- **DO** be careful of strangers who try to turn you against your family while promising to be your best friend (they may send you gifts and give you lots of compliments, but at the same time, they are possessive of your time and critical of your parents.)

- Do **NOT** exchange pictures with strangers through the Internet

- Do **NOT** open e-mails/instant messages or download attachments from people you don't know

- Do **NOT** fill out your information to win free stuff

- Do **NOT** go to meet someone you don't already know in real life

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **Do** speak with your child about their Internet habits and your safety concerns

- **Do** set a limit for how much time your child can spend online

- **Do** keep the computer in a public place

- **Do** install safety software and monitoring software and keep it updated

- Do **NOT** overreact or threaten to take away the Internet if your child tells you about something bad that they experienced online

- **Do** encourage your child to teach you what they know about the Internet

- Do **NOT** allow your child to have an online profile

- Do **NOT** hesitate to get help if you think a predator may be targeting your child

- **Do** get to know your child's online friends as you would their real-life friends