

Digital Citizenship: Best practices for You and Your Students

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Potential Risks

Every time anyone gets on a computer this person is potentially exposed to the following risks:

Computer Virus	Copyright Infringement	Cyber-bullying	Hate Crimes
Internet Fraud	Online Predators	Online Solicitation	Phishing
Pop-up Ads	Pornography	Profanity	Sexting
Sexual Exploitation	Spam	Spyware	Stalking

How to Reduce Your Risks

1. Implement anti-virus / spyware software
2. Keep updated
 - a. Anti-virus / spyware software
 - b. Operating System (PC and Mac)
 - c. Browsers – Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari...
3. Safe behaviors, like avoiding
 - a. “Free” online offers
 - b. Suspicious e-mails
 - c. Yucky web sites

What Educators Can Do

1. Administration must have and enforce an “Acceptable Use Policy”
 - a. How students can/cannot use the technology
 - b. Consequences
 - c. Signed by school, student, and parent
2. Implement safe practices – part of AUP
 - a. Teacher, student, & classroom web sites
 - i. Represents school or district
 - ii. Post only appropriate content
 - b. Use of student names
 - i. First name only, nick names, or no names
 - c. Pictures
 - i. Get written permission before posting
 - ii. Post student work without pictures
3. Be an Internet safety advocate
 - a. Become educated
 - i. Know your school’s AUP and enforce it.
 - ii. Professional development
 1. Take UEN classes
 2. Attend UCET
 - b. Be an example of Internet safety

For additional information go to: <http://www.netsafeutah.org> or contact Rick Cline at rcline@uen.org