

PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER

Handling E-mails and Instant Messaging (IM) . . .

E-mail and IM are both easy ways to keep in touch with family, friends and teachers.



Charlie uses E-mail to send his homework assignments to some of his teachers. He instant messages his school friends.

One day he gets a message.

The subject box says: "Good News !"

Charlie clicks on the link provided. He is startled to see a message from a company trying to sell something. He feels tricked.

What happened?

Some people want you to open their message and they will try to trick you.

This is annoying to adults as well as children.

Unwanted or "junk" E-mail is called **spam**.

Unwanted instant messages are called **spim**.

If you open an E-mail attachment or click on a link in a message, you can infect your computer with **worms** or **viruses**. Then you could lose all your stuff on your computer or your computer could just shut down.

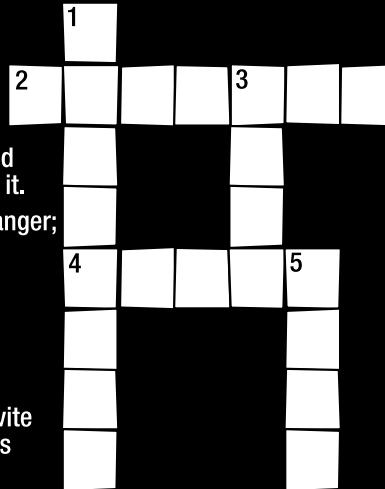
Anti-virus and **firewall** software can help protect your computer from worms and viruses.

Down

1. It doesn't stop a fire; it protects your computer.
3. It rhymes with ham, but you can't eat it and you shouldn't reply to it.
5. Never chat with a stranger; you might get this.

Across

2. What makes your computer sick?
4. Click on a link from a stranger and you invite these wiggly creatures into your computer.



Be CyberSmart!

- Never reply to E-mail or IM from strangers.
- If you open a message by mistake, don't click on the links or open any attachments.
- Tell an adult about any E-mail or IM that makes you feel uncomfortable, even if it's from someone you know.

Be CyberSmart!

What's Private?

- First and last name
- Mothers' maiden name
- Parent's place of work
- E-mail address
- Your photo
- Home address
- School name
- School address
- Phone numbers
- Passwords

Some Web Sites Ask for Private Information

Do not answer before asking your parent, guardian or teacher.

- Even if you want to play a game or to win a prize!
- Even if your favorite character asks you!
- Even if your teacher told you to go to the site!
- Even if someone says "Please!"

Use the Permission Rule:

Always ask permission from your parent or teacher to give out private information in cyberspace.

Circle the six things to keep private.

- PASSWORD
- NAME
- ADDRESS
- SCHOOL
- PHONE
- EMAIL



PROTECT YOUR CYBERSPACE

Safety with Cyberpals . . .



Sita likes to visit a chat room where kids talk about school and homework. She really likes one person who uses the screen name "CJ." When Sita shares a problem she has at school, CJ gives good ideas for handling the problem. Sita thinks of CJ as a close friend.

One day while chatting, CJ and Sita compare their two schools. Sita types, "My school principal is so strict. We have to walk through the halls in straight lines!"

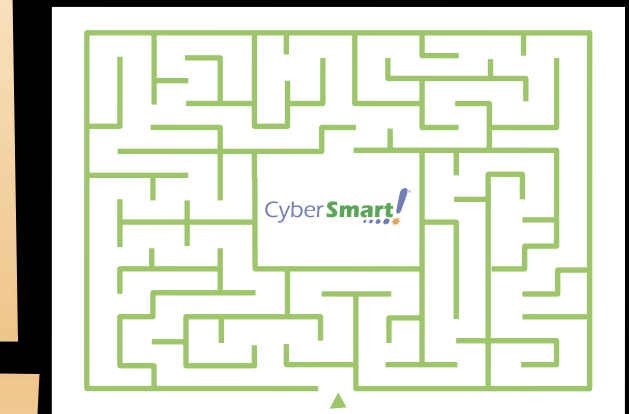
CJ answers, "My school isn't so strict. What's the name of your school?"

What should Sita answer?

A Cyberpal is a Stranger

Sita and CJ are cyberpals, not face-to-face friends. They only know each other from chatting. Cyberpals can have good talks. They can share their feelings. But can you really know if a cyberpal is a girl or a boy, or how old he or she is?

The answer is NO - you can't know for sure. That's the difference between a cyberpal and a friend you know face-to-face. Treat cyberpals like strangers. Never give your private information without first asking permission.

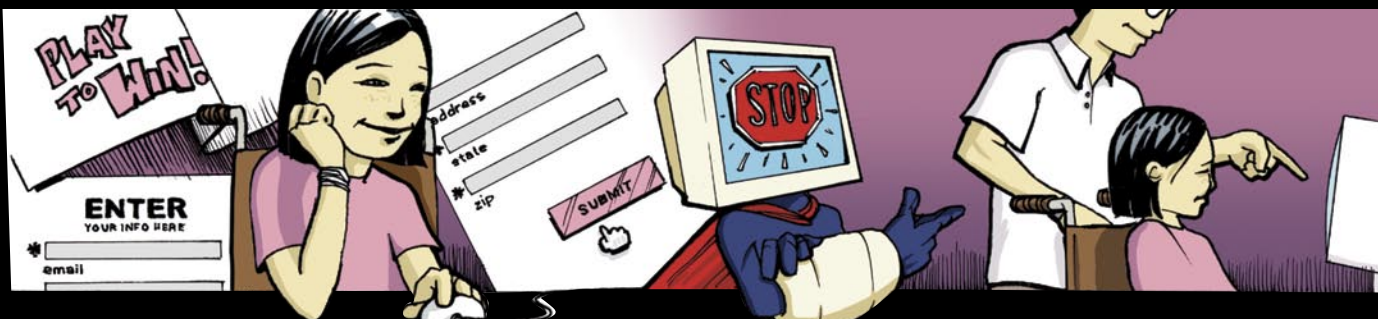


Chat and IM Tips

- If you want to chat, ask your parents for permission and visit chat rooms just for kids with adult monitors.
- Only IM with your face-to-face friends.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Filling Out Online Forms . . .



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What Families and Educators Can Do

Today, learning how to effectively retrieve information online is an essential literacy skill. Messaging is as exciting and useful for learning as it is critical to the workplace. As a parent or an educator, you can help the young people in your life manage the unique challenges of this new world. Insuring the online safety of children and protecting private identity information is an ongoing process that should be a topic of thought-provoking discussion at home and in school. Insuring the security of your personal computer and protecting it from damage by worms and viruses is equally important.

Here's what you can do:


- Make certain that children know not to reveal private identity information online without your permission.
- Supervise the online experiences of your children and encourage them to discuss their online experiences—both the enriching aspects and the uncomfortable ones.
- Encourage responsible online behavior by relating the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship to the rules in your home or your school's Acceptable Use Policy.
- Consider using filtering or monitoring software for your computer.
- Help protect your home computer data from harm by:
 - Configuring the firewall built into Microsoft Windows® XP with Service Pack 2 and reinforcing it with antivirus and firewall software from McAfee.
 - Don't open suspicious e-mail messages or files. Microsoft Office Outlook 2003 can help by filtering most suspicious messages to your junk e-mail folder.
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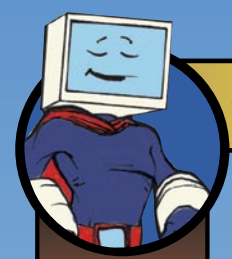
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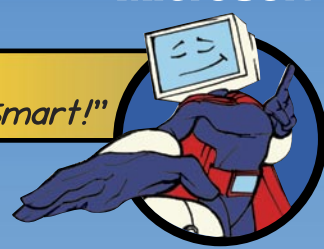
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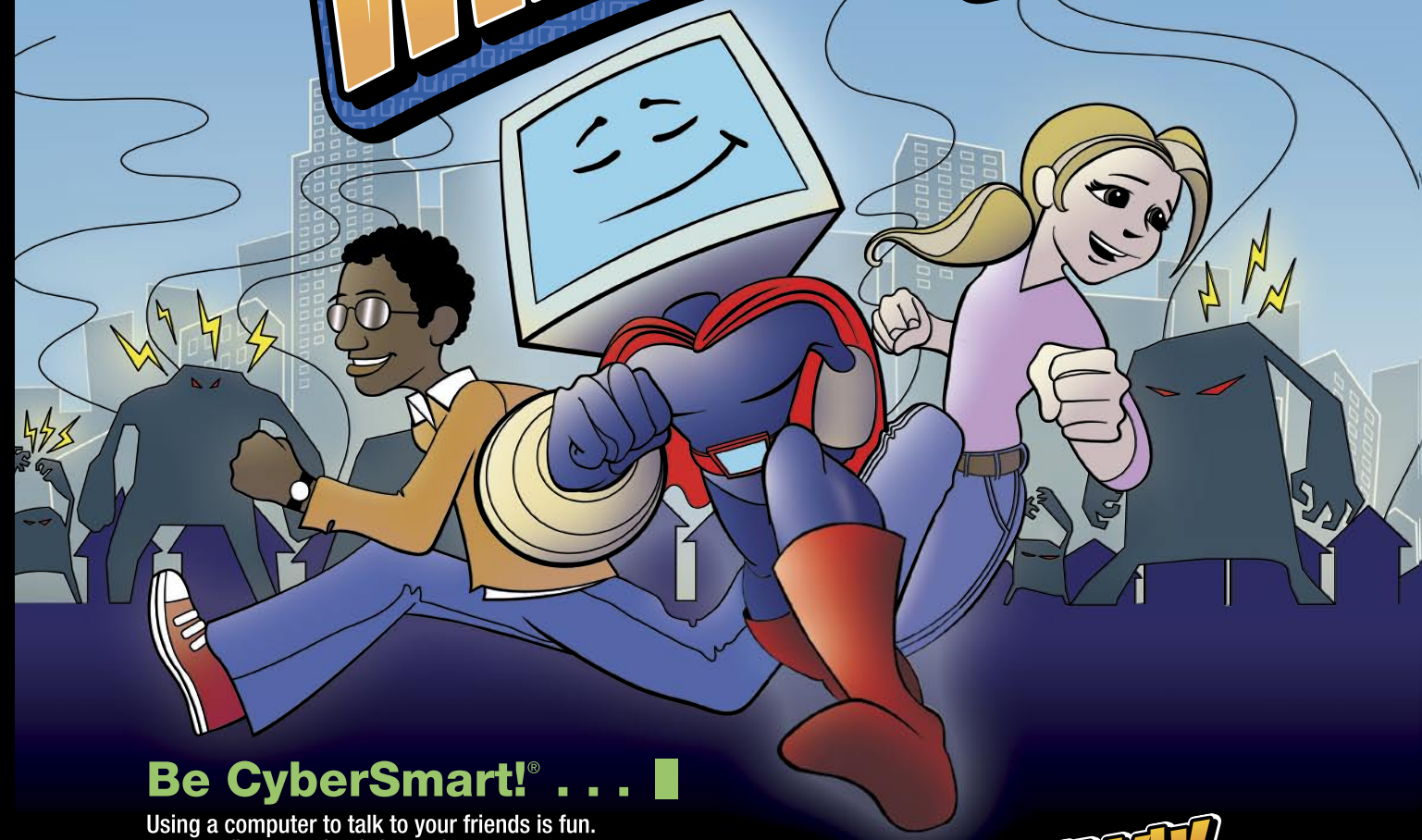


Elementary School

This booklet will get you started.
Accept the challenge to "Be CyberSmart!"



WEB WATCHERS

Be CyberSmart! . . .

Using a computer to talk to your friends is fun. You can find amazing information on the web. And, you have the power to send messages around the world.

If you go online, you are a cyber citizen—a citizen of cyberspace. Cyberspace is a community of people connected through their computers. Along with the power of this connection, you also get some awesome responsibilities.

That means you need to follow the rules of the cyberspace community—just as you follow the rules in your school community.

These rules protect you and your computer.

That's what being CyberSmart is all about!

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