

Internet Usage Contract

The Internet can be a very diverse place. I am making this agreement with my parents to help keep me, my family, and my friends safe:

1. My parents and I will decide when I am allowed to use the computer and the Internet. I promise not to ask or fight for more computer time. I will only do things and visit places that they say I can.
2. I will never tell anyone online or post online that I am home alone. I won't give out any personal identity such as last name, my home address or telephone number, the name of my school or teachers, where my parents work or their telephone numbers without getting my parents' permission. I will never give out my friends' screen names, e-mail addresses, name, addresses and telephone numbers and I will remind them to keep mine a secret.
3. If anyone online does anything that bothers me, I will tell my parents. I will never use bad language, say bad things about other people, send mean messages or inappropriate pictures in an e-mail, text or instant post message, chat room, blog, or on a web site. I will tell my parents if someone does that to me. If I use "secret" or "code" words online, I will tell my parents what they mean.
4. When I use instant messaging, e-mail, chat rooms or web sites where people put information about themselves, I will never send or post a picture of myself or my family. If I set up a blog or an online profile, I will tell my parents where it is and how they can read it.
5. I WILL NEVER, EVER MEET WITH ANYONE I'VE TALKED TO ONLINE WITHOUT FIRST TALKING WITH MY PARENTS.
6. If my parents ask me for my password, I will give it to them. I will NEVER give out my passwords or any of our family's passwords to anyone, not even my friends or other family members.
7. If I want to download any games, movies, music, or programs, I will ask for permission. I know I must pay for most of these things. If I take them, that is stealing.
8. I will not try to win free things or buy things on the Internet without my parents' permission. If I get a message telling me that I won something, I will show it to my parents. If I receive an e-mail asking for passwords or other secret stuff, I will ask my parents.
9. I will not open any of my parents' files. I will not change any settings or install any new software without my parents' permission.

10. I know my parents have the right to look on the computer to see where I have gone on the Internet, the e-mail and text messages I have sent and received, or what I do in a chat room. If my parents installed programs that track what is done on the computer or limit where I go online, I promise not to turn those programs off.

Child's Signature

I have read the above and agree to follow these rules. If I do not, my parents can take away the privilege of using the Internet.

Parent of Caregiver's Signature

I agree to let my child use the Internet so long as these rules are followed.