

The Internet is a great tool. You can shop, do research, talk with friends and family, share pictures, play games, and more. Just like in everyday life, there are people who can take advantage of you if you're not careful. This brochure offers some easy ways to help keep you, your computer, and your family safer when you go online. If you Get Net Safe, you can get the most from the amazing Internet.



Stop > Think > Click

- 1> Protect your personal information. It's valuable.
- 2> Know who you're dealing with.
- 3> Use antivirus and anti-spyware software as well as a firewall and update them regularly.
- 4> Be sure you set up all your operating system and Web browser software properly and update them regularly.
- 5> Protect your passwords.
- 6> Back up important files.
- 7> Learn who to contact if something goes wrong online.

Links to help you Get Net Safe

- www.uschamber.com/sb/security
- www.staysafe.org
- www.staysafeonline.info
- www.onguardonline.gov
- www.netsmartz.org
- www.getnetwise.org
- www.isafe.org
- www.aarp.org/netsafe



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Get Net Safe



Protect your PC, yourself, and your family



Here are four easy steps to make your PC Net Safe:

Turn on a Firewall

This prevents unwanted people and programs from accessing your PC through the Internet.

Update your Operating System

Your operating system (Microsoft® Windows®, for example) is your computer's brain. It is important to install updates released by your operating system provider.

Install Antivirus Software

Update this software regularly to protect against new viruses, worms, or other nasty programs. It is important to subscribe to regular security updates.

Install Anti-spyware Programs

Spyware can compromise personal data or prevent your PC from functioning properly. Anti-spyware programs must be updated often.

Visit www.microsoft.com/protect for more information.

Think before you click

Sometimes, just clicking on an e-mail is all you have to do to infect your computer with a virus or give unwanted access to your personal information. If you're not sure who a message or Web site is from, be very cautious. Or even better—don't open it in the first place.



Here are some more tips to Get Net Safe

- 1> Be sure you know where an e-mail is from before responding to it, even if it looks like it's from a trusted source.
- 2> Don't share personal information in an e-mail or instant message. Legitimate companies will not ask you to do so.
- 3> If you see an attractive offer of goods or money in your e-mail inbox, check it out carefully before responding.

Fun, friends, and learning ... the Internet can be a great addition to kids' lives. Keeping them safe is a big job—and a very important one. Besides adult content and online bullies, there are online perpetrators out there who use the Internet to meet and exploit children.

Pay Attention

Letting kids surf unsupervised can expose them to serious risks. Keep Internet-connected computers in family areas. Know what your kids are doing online and establish rules and guidelines for their computer use.

Communicate

Talk with your kids about the risks of surfing the Internet just as you would any other important subject. Make sure they know they can come to you without punishment if anything makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.

